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Bahrain arrests 2,370 people — group

NICOSIA (AFP) - Bahraini authorities arrested 2,370 people during last month's riots and many were suffering from harsh conditions in jail, a London-based support group said Wednesday. The Committee for the Defence of Political Prisoners io Bahrain said in a statement received in Cyprus that women, children, elderly and handicapped people were among the prisoners held in jails without charge or trial. "There is no place for the prisoners even to sit on the ground" because the prisons are full, and "most of the prisoners are forced to stand all day," it said. "Tens of the prisoners are forced to stand all day," it said. "Tens of the prisoners are forced to stand all day," it said. "Tens of the prisoners are forced to stand all day," it said. "Tens of the prisoners are forced to stand all day," it said. prisoners are (subjected to) brutal lorture" by the security forces, the committee said, adding that relatives and lawyers were prevented from visiting the detainees. Recently the banned Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain (IFLB) announced that 2,200 people accused of involvement in the riots had been arrested. IFLB leader Sheikh Mohammad Ali Mahfuz called Tuesday for an ioternational commission to be set up to investigate the clashes between security forces and Shitte Muslims.

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Majali resigns; Sharif Zeid to form cabinet

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali Wednesday offered his resignation to His Majesty King Hussein, paving the way for Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker to form a new government, well-informed sources said.

It was not clear whether the new government would be announced today or whether it will be delayed several days until after Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreon concludes his four-day official visit to the Kingdom. Mr. Papandreou's visit will

begin Friday. Some sources expected that there was not enough time for the new government to be appointed and sworn in before the visit of the

Greek prime minister and the accompanying delegation. These sources said Dr. Majali could remain in office for several days until Sharif Zeid has had time to consult with major political groups on the make-up of his govern-

However, other sources said that Sharif Zeid has had ample time to contact prospective ministers and can form his government immediately.

While the sources ex-

pect the new government to include a similar number of parliamentarians as in Dr. Majali's team, they say the new ministers will be more representative of the various political trends in the country.

The new government will not be a big change from Dr. Majali's cabinet but it will be a credible change," said an informed source. "It will likely include people who have spoken out agaiost past wrongs... they will be more dynamic in addressing these problems."

The new government is expected to carry out several policies in the first several weeks of its tenure to improve relations with Parliament and other opposition

The new government will have to deal with the political and economic changes accompanying the Iordan-Israeli peace accord, the Kingdom's regional role and relations with the Palestinians.

The Islamists, which are not expected to join the Sharif Zeid team as a bloc, say that their members can now join the government as individuals. Whether Sharif Zeid will ask any of them to join, bowever, remains unclear.

Upon his return from a private visit to Austria on Monday, King Hussein said: "We are in a situation in which we continue to reconsider our conditions."

"I think we should also reconsider our situation in terms of the

need for a new start with regard to the responsibilities and challenges of the future," the King said.

Political sources said the King's recent references to the need for profound change could go beyond the government to the Royal Court and other official institutions.

Strong contenders for replacing Sharif Zeid as chief of the Royal Court include King Hussein's political advisor Marwan Qassem and Dr. Majali. However, sources could not rule out the appointment of a surprise nominee.

Among those tipped to be included in the new cabinet are: Deputies Abdul Karim Kabariti, Saleh Irsheidat, Ali Abul Ragheb, Samir

Habashneh, Awad Khleifat, Aref Bataineh, Abdullah Ensour, Abdul Karim Dughmi and Abdul Hadi Majali, former Finance Minister Basil Jardaneh, former Interior Minister Salem Masadeh, former 1nformation Minister Ibrahim Izzeddin, Minister of Supply Adel Qudah and Minister of Industry and Trade Rima Khalaf.

Sharif Zeid formed his first government in 1989 and stepped down in late 1989 after overseeing the first democratic elections in the country since

Sbarif Zeid took over the premiership again in October 1991 and stayed in power without changes until the appointment of Dr. Ma-



Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker

Greek premier visits Syria

DAMASCUS (AFP) -Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou held talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad here Pentagen hay Wednesday at the start of a Damascus for 10 years. The official Syrian news agency SANA described the meeting as "cordial" Mr. Paper dreou's talks with Syrian offic cials were expected to focus on the role Greece could play in furthering peace in the Middle East. He was accompanied by his wife Dimitra. Liani-Papandreou and a government delegation including roreign minister Carolos Papoulias and Merchaot Marine Minister George Kat-

Gingrich named House speaker

WASHINGTON (AFP) -Newt Gingrich was elected speaker of the House of Representatives Wednesday as the new Republican majority in Congress convened its opening session. Mr. Gingrich, who was elected to the House in 1978, is the first Republican to hold the post since 1954. He takes over from Washington Democrat Thomas Poley, whose Nov. 8 mid-term defeat made him the first speaker to be unseated in over a century. House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt was also nominated for speaker, but his defeat was a foregone concinsion now that Republicans hold 53 of the 100 seats. Mr. Gingrich, who hails from Georgia, won the vote by 228 to 202 with four voting present and one absent.

Clinton seeks advice from motivation 'guru'

Mr. Clinton met last week at the Camp David White Stephen Covey and Anthony Robbins, nationally-known al matters, a White House spokesman Mark Gearan Clinton's nemisis, the new House Speaker Newt Ging-rich, has also sought advice from Mr. Covey and co-wrote a student text on perwrote a student text on personal strength in American culture with him. Mr. Gearan said Mr. Clinton arranged for the meetings with Mr. Robins and Mr. Covey himself, but Bressed there was nothing unusual about their with Mr. Clinton with many home.

Mood in Parliament over cabinet change: chances are good for improving relations Israelis fire at Gaza police

By Ayman Al Safadi

Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN - The impending government change dominated cooversations in the galleries of Parliament Wednesday though no mention of a new Cabinet, expected in the coming few days, was made during the formal session of the Lower

Most deputies believed that Royal Coort Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker wil form the new government and said that this would herald better relations between the legislative and the executive anthorities. reflecting positively oo the relationship which has probably seen less ups than downs since the appointment of the Majali government in May 1993.

Though the initial tension resulted from Dr. Majali's recommendation to the King to dissolve the 11th Parliament and his government's change of the Election Law against the will of most political parties and deputies, lawmakers saw the way in which Dr. Majali dealt with the House after its election as a direct reason for the sometimes tense relations between the

Deputies charge Dr. Ma-

By Ayman Al Safadi

back on track the Islamists'

relations with the govern-

Sources said the meeting,

which took place Tuesday,

agreed on the need for keep-

ing bridges of communica-

tions open between the

Islamists and the establish-

ment as the best way of serv-

ing the interests of the coun-

The meeting was attended

by the overall leader of the

Muslim Brotherhood move-

ment, Abdul Majeed

Threibat, and the spokesman

of the Islamic Action Front

parliamentary bloc, Hamzeb

Mansour, among other lead-

ers of the Islamie movement.

Little information was dis-

jali, whose government won a simple majority in its vote of confidence from the House, has not shown eoough regard for the House and cite as example the way in which he introduced the second reshuffle to his government in June.

Though Dr. Majali then brought 10 lawmakers to the Cabinet, deputies criti-cised him for failing to consult blocs" and attempting to divide them.

Dr. Majali repeatedly dismissed these charges, saying his government bas respected the role of the House and worked to improve ties with it. But his assertions did little to change many deputies' views that Dr. Majali does not pay enough attention to the views of lawmakers.

Opposition deputies also accuse the government of suppressing their views, saying that the democratisation process has witnessed a visible decline since Dr. Majali took office.

Deputies opposed to the peace process charged that the government had sent the country back to the martial law era after the peace treaty was signed, denying them many of their constitutional rights to express their view on the

But saying that Sharif Zeid's politics are predicted on maintaining consulta-tions with the House and political powers, even the Islamists, whom many say Sharif Zeid's previous government was accused of appeasing, expect a warming up of legislativeexecutive relations if he takes the helm of the new

government. Sharif Zeid's government dismissed those charges at the time saying it followed policies of "inclusion" not appeasement.

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Sources close to Sharif Zeid said that the power hase of the Islamists at the House has in any way been reduced from 23 seats in addition to about 10 other supporters during Sharif Zeid's previous government to 17 seats plus less supporters in the current Parliament, and that will leave its mark on the policy the new government will adopt to-

wards the Islamists. Another element that observers quote as a factor that would belp improve the government's relations with the opposition is its commitment that it will express its rejection of the peace treaty with Israel

through legal and constitutional means. IAF spokesman Hamzeb

Mansour, however, was confident that Sharif Zeid will take the initiative to improve ties with the IAF's 17-member parliameotary

And observers say Sharif Zeid will succeed in doing that because the Islamists are more than interested in restoring good ties with the regime after a period of isolation that saw them lose much of their power in the House and possibly on the street as well.

Meanwhile, deputies confirmed that Sharif Zeid has not yet started consulting them on the formation of the new government but many said they trust be will do so once he starts choosing members of his cabinet.

But many deputies ex-pected Sharif Zeid to consult with parliamentarians as individuals and not as members of blocs, adding that any deputies who would join the government would be chosen on their own merits and not as representatives of blocs.

Sources close to Sharif Zeid, however, said that he will make a concerted effort to consult with parliamentry blocs before announcing his third government.

Self-rule talks deadlocked;

Arafat, Rabin to meet next week, but PLO seen losing trust in Israel

OCCUPIED JENUSALEM (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is losing trust in Israel, officials said here Wednesday after another round of negotiations failed to break the deadlock over extending Palestinian autonomy on the West Bank.

Tension also rose Wednesday after Israeli troops and Palestinian police exchanged fire in the Gaza Strip in the same area where Israeli forces killed three Palestinian National Authority (PNA) policemen on Monday night, witnesses said.

They said Israeli troops wounded two Palestinians, at least one of them a civilian, who was hurt in the band. It was the latest in a series of The Monday encounter,

gunbattles following the killing of the policemen, resi-

incident on Wednesday, wit-

Israel, was the bloodiest be-

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troops handed over most of

the Gaza Strip to Palestinian

As in previous cases, it was unclear who started the

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voked the Monday incident.

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Israeli troops kill 3 Palestinians

RAMALLAH (AFP) - Israeli troops shot and killed three Palestinians near Ramallah on the occupied West Bank Wednesday, Palestinian officials said.

The victims died in an exchange of fire with an Israeli

An Israeli army spokesman confirmed that a "serious incident" had taken place near Ramallah, in which several Palestinians died, but he did not give a casualty figure or explain the circumstances. The three deaths raise to 35 the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli troops or settlers since self-rule was launched in the Gaza Strip and Jericho

Yeltsin orders halt to Grozny bombing, rushes ground forces

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Russian President Boris Yeltsin ordered a balt to the Russiao bombing of the Chechen capital Grozny on Wednesday, his press spokesman announced, as ground reinforcements were rushed to the rebellious republic.

Yeltsin spokesman Anatoly Krasikov said "the president has ordered a balt to the bombardment of Grozny,' from midnight local time (2100 GMT Wednesday).

Mr. Yeltsin made a similar announcement last week, but the bombing of the capital of the breakaway republic continned despite his statement. The dispatch of troop remforcements meanwhile appeared to mark a new wave in the five-day Russian offeosive to capture the city.

The bombing by Russian warplanes, which has killed civilians in addition to hitting strategic targets, has drawn growing expressions of concern from both reformist Russian deputies and the

The French presidency of the European Union warned Wednesday that the bloody military intervention in Chechenya could undermine relations with Moscow. At least 27 people were

killed and more than 100 injured in two separate Russian air raids around the Chechen capital on Tuesday, relief officials said in Gronzy on Wednesday.

Russian media reports said

seasoned combat troops including paratroop units plus marines were being rushed to the conflict zone to beef up the Russian forces which were repulsed from Grozny over the weekend, losing dozens of tanks and scores of

Boris Agapov, vice president of Ingushetia, another Russian republic which borders on Chechenya, said Wednesday that the dispatch of reinforcements was a preinde to a new assault by

Russian troops on Grozny. He said the Russian military were apparently preparing for an attack by ground troops and paratroopers - a change of tactics from the tank onslaught which failed at the weekend and produced many casualties.

Correspondents in Gronzy reported Wednesday that Russian troops backed by heavy amillery and rocket fire had pushed in toward the city centre from the west. Sergei Yushenkov, chair-

man of the state Duma's defence committee, was quoted by Moscow Ecbo radio Wednesday as saying paratroop reinforcements were en route to the conflict zone from the Beslan base in neighbouring North Ossetia.

Honrs earlier the ITAR-TASS news agency said experienced reinforcements had also been sent in from the Kola Peninsula in northwest Russia to beef up the military contingent trying to put down the Chechen rebel-

"Russia bas flown (in) well-trained reinforcements and a ground force familiar with peacekeeping opera-tions." ITAR-TASS said, quoting officials in Mur-mansk. It did not indicate the number of troops sent. The agency added that 200

guards were also poised to go

In Vienna, an official at the Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) said the European security organisation's permanent council, its decision-making body, would meet on Jan. 12 to discuss ways of belping to stop the

Russia said it was not prepared to discuss Chechenya with foreign countries. But France urged its EU partners to demand that Mr. Yeltsin be held 10 account for his actions in the Chechen crisis.

"We have a right to demand explanations at the OCSE. I bave contacted our 14 partners of the European Union so that we turn to Russia and ask Russia to give an explanation." French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said in Paris.

Russia sent troops to Checheova on Dec. 11 to smash the tiny mainly-Muslim regioo's bid for independence. It launched a lankled assault on Grozny, an oil-refining centre of 400,000

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WASHINGTON (AFP) -President Bill Clinton, still recovering from his party's devastating defeat, has turned to an untraditional source for advice, joining the new American craze for personal motivation gurus." House retreat with Mr. experts whose books and tapes give advice on getting ahead in business and personsaid Tuesday. Ironically, Mr. Mr. Clinton, who many have blamed for his party's mid-term defeat.

took place in the meeting but Jordan Times Staff Reporter informed sources told the Jordan Times it was held in a AMMAN - His Royal Highcordial and frank atmosphere ness Crown Prince Hassan with emphasis put on the has met with representatives need for continuing consultaof the Islamic movement in tion and dialogue between the Kingdom and observers the Islamic movement and said the meeting will belp put the government.

> The sources told the Jordan Times that the president of the Foreign Affairs Committee at the Lower House of Parliament played an instrumental role in setting up the meeting. They said Mr. Mansour officially requested the meeting when Prince Hassan addressed the Foreign Affairs Committee in ear-

> > December.

Meanwhile, IAF sources expected an improvement of relations between the government and the Islamic movement following the expected appointment of a new cabinet which is expected to be beaded by Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker next week.

The Islamists had bad good in October when six members

closed about what actually government of Sharif Zeid that resigned in May 1993. The sources did not expect the Islamists to join the new government but said that a process of consultation will be established between the

Crown Prince's meeting with Islamists

seen to signal better political atmosphere

two sides, mainly through their 17-member parliamentary bloc. They said that the "veto" within the Islamic movement against joining the government was no longer in effect in absolute terms.

"If we are approached to join the government, our decision will depend on the choice of the prime minister, his team and the government's programme," an IAF source said. Relations between the gov-

ernmeot and the Islamists had gone sour since Dr. Majali formed his cabinet in May 1993 and the tension escalated after Jordan and Israel signed the Oct. 26 peace trea-

The tension reached a high

working relationship with the of the IAF deputies boycotted the speech from the throne with which His Majesty King Hussein opened the second ordinary session of Parliament.

This unprecedented move incurred the wrath of most political groups in the country and resulted in their isolation from any leadership position in the House. The slide in relations has continued since then. But sources said the Islam-

ists were interested in improving relations with the government at this point, especially if the new government is headed by Sharif Zeid, who respects the House and whose politics recognise the need for consultation with political powers in the country," as one independent Islamist deputy puts it.

The two sides have to work on improving relations, Mr. Mansour told the Jordan Times. "We will do our part and we believe Sharif Zeid will do his part too," he said.

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McCurry said. "We believe

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hensive peace, not away from it. Recalling that Israel and

Jordan achieved an historic

peace agreement in 1994, the

spokesman asserted that "a

determined effort on the part

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He characterised the

Israeli-Syrian negotiating

track as "a tough discussion."

and said they have not yet

narrowed the gaps between

Asked about Defence

Secretary William Perry's

planned trip to the region

later this week, Mr. McCurry

said the secretary would be

discussing a wide range of

bilateral issues "that some-

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Michael McCurry confirmed

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'That's the work that

we're doing," the spokesman

said, "We are managing con-

tacts between the parties....

We're not commenting in any

detail about the substantive

exchanges that have occurred

detail about last week's

three-day summit among the

leaders of Egypt, Saudi Ara-

bia and Syria in Alexandria,

although he did say the Un-

ited States rejects the prop-

osition that any one side is

responsible for obstacles to

peace. The Alexandria sum-

mit produced a communique

that some have suggested

blames Israel for the lack of

progress in its peace talks

being silent on it," he told

reporters. "We will have dis-

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ing in the thick of the peace process itself." Mr. Perry will visit Egypt and Israel while he is in the Middle East. "He'll also be in a position

to reaffirm our own strong support for the (peace) process and to underscore the importance" of closing some of the gaps that remain, the spokesman said. Mr. Perry's visit is "part of an ongoing programme of very-high conlacts" the United States maintains with Israel, which Mr. McCurry described as a strategic ally.

He cautioned reporters not to conclude that Mr. Perry's trip would involve detailed operational military work that would be an indication that Syria and Israel are closer to a peace agreement than as been thought. "Don't leap to that conclusion." Mr. McCurry said. If asked, the United States has pledged to provide troops to help police a truce hetween Israel and Syria on the Golan Heights.

Responding to a question. the spokesman noted that the Israeli cabinet has now addressed the question of at least one Jewish settlement near Jerusalem, but he did not offer any specific com-ment on the cabinet's action. Mr. McCurry told repor-

ters there has been no change in the U.S. view that the settlements "are an enormous complication as you look at the (peace) process." He said there is "every indication" that Israel and the Palestinians are continuing to deal with the issue in the context of their Declaration of Principles. "They continue to seem determined to resolve those issues that are framed and outlined within the declaration," he said.

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True Path Party (DYP).

Often during 1994, Ms. Ciller and Interior Minister

Nahir Mentese declared the

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In another incident, the

mausoleum of a venerated

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Algerian veteran killed; holy shrines desecrated ALGIERS (AFP) — Islamic Dozens of veterans of the extremists have killed a veteran of Algeria's war of war of 1954-62 war of indeindependence from France,

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TEL AVIV (R) — Israel has

threatened to cancel all

flights by Russian airlines to

Tel Aviv because Russian au-

thorities refused to allow

Israeli security agents to car-

ry guns at Moscow airport, a

Transport Ministry spokes-man said on Wednesday.

"We'll wait until the end of

he week before deciding on

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Al Khader, the West Bank village that for the

last week was the scene of demonstrations

against a widening of the Israeli settlement of

pendence have been killed in attacks blamed on fundamentalists, who have also targetted scores of academics, journalists, doctors, government workers and foreigners they accuse of collaborating with the armybacked government.

The association Benseghir belonged to is chaired by Interior Minister Abdul Rahman Meziane-Cherif.

In another development, the former sole ruling party after independence, the National Liberation Front (FLN), declared Wednesday that it planned soon to organise a "national congress for reconciliation and concord. In a statement made avail-

able to AFP, the FLN's political bureau said it "had decided to make preliminary contacts from this week with concerned parties... (political) parties, associations and national personalities."

The FLN is favourable to drawing the outlawed Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) into negotiations to find a political settlement to the conflict which claimed more than 2.700 lives in 1994 according to a toll drawn from official

Suganese forces end plane which our security produces are compromised. hijack and arrest hijacker

KHARTOUM (APP) — Sudanese in formations tured an army complete, who hijacked an internal flight with his wife on Wednesday but freed all the passengers and crew after the plane was diverted to Port Sudan.

The hijocker, named as Mohammad Jubara Mohammad, said he had wanted to take his wife to the Egyptian capital Caine for personal reasons, but was unable to afford the fare, the SUNA

news agency reported.

The Sudan Airways plane had just taken off from Khartourn on a regular flight to the northern town of Merawi. with 36 passengers and crew aboard, when the couple ordered the pilot to go to

Cairo. But the prior arounded them he did not have enough Uzelgun told Reuters: "Our aim for 1995 is to finish the PKK in Tuncell fuel and the Fokker aircraft landed in Port Spiza on the Red Sea coast of eastern Sudan, where the hyackers released the passengers and the crew but remained on the

Plane. The nation is not Co. 1.4 Sty W. C. C. the wife nor whether the pair was armed. The man had earlier threatened to commit suicide if an attempt was made to capture him.

Several government ministers went to Port Sudan to menitor negotiations with the man, who came from Khartoum's twin city of Omdurman, according to the news acency.

An Egyptian court on Sudan sentenced a Sudanese to 15 years of hard labour for hijacking a Sudan Airways plane with 93 passengers flying from Khartoum to Dongola in northern Sudan อก April 6.

Adel Mahjoub, 26, had forced the pilot at gunpoint to fiv to Egypt, where the authorities refused permission to land in Caire but allowed the aircraft to touch down in the southern town of Luxor. The hijacker gave himself up there.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Geagea denied transfer to another jail

BEIRUT (AFP) — The lawyers of former Christian warlord Samir Geagea will boycott his trial which resumes here on Friday after a Lebanese court ruled against transferring him from a Defence Ministry cell to a civilian jail. Edmond Naim, one of Dr. Geagea's key lawyers, told AFP Wednesday that the 120-member defence team will not attend the next hearing following the decision announced late Tuesday by the Council of State, an administrative court. Mr. Naim warned against attempts by the court to appoint lawyers to defend Dr. Geagea, who is accused of killing rival Christian leader Dany Chamoun and his family in 1990 and the bombing of a church last February that killed 11 people. The ex-militia chief, who commanded the now disbanded Lebanese Forces (LF) militia in the last five years of Lebanon's 1975-1990 civil war, faces the death penalty if convicted. He has been held since his arrest last April at the Defence Ministry and repeated requests by his lawyers that he be jailed in a civilian prison have been turned down. Defence Minister Mohsen Dallul decided Dr. Geagea should be kept at the ministry cell for his own security but his lawyers fear that he could be put under pressure because of a bloody conflict between the LF and the army in 1990. Iranian parliament bans satellite dishes

TEHRAN (AFP) - The Iranian parliament on Wednesday imposed an indefinite ban on satellite dishes, parliamentary sources said. The conservative-majority assemhly voted Sunday to ban all satellite dishes for three years in a bid to prevent Iranians from watching foreign television programmes, deemed here as harmful to Islamic values. But several deputies argued on Wednesday that a clause in the law limiting the han to three years had not been approved by the majority of the deputies and called for a new vote. The clause, added at the last minute Sunday and supported by the government, was rejected this time in a secret vote. Sunday's ruling gives satellite users one month's grace to remove their equipment or face legal action. Police and the voluntary Islamic militia bave been empowered to seize the dishes if owners fail to dismantle them. In addition to losing their equipment, violaters could also face a hefty fine. The law, however. still has to receive the final approval from the Council of Guardians, but the conservative-dominated body is expected to pass it. Interior Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati said Monday that the police were "prepared to remove" all dishes after the law is approved by the 12-member council, which oversees laws passed by the parliament to ensure they conform to Islamic principles and

British minister holds talks in Bahrain

MANAMA (R) - British Minister of the Armed Forces Nicholas Soames discussed regional developments on Wednesday with Bahrain's Ern Sheikh Isa Ben Sulman Al Khalifa, the Gulf News Age or reported. The agency said the talks also covered militare cooperation between the two countries, but gave no actails. Mr. Soames arrived in Bahrain on Tuesday night and a British embassy spokesman said he would stay until Friday. Mr. Soames will hold talks with Bahraini leaders on mutual defence matters.

Israeli court forbids brutality

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Israel's high court on Tuesday ordered the security services to stop the brutal treatment of a Palestinian prisoner held in Hebron on the occupied West Bank, justice officials said, Omar Imad had brought a case against the security services via his lawyer, complaining that he had been deprived of sleep for five days and bad his head covered with a hood day and night. He also said he was forced to remain in a painful posture for five days and was hit each time he moved. The prisoner was suspected of belonging to the bardline Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas. According to the Israeli human rights watchdog Betselem, the security services rounnely inflict such brutal treatment on Palestinian prisoners. The high court ordered an immediate halt to such treatment an : zave the security services 50 days to explain wh i.. gud used such methods, the justice officials said as and aw allows "moderate physical pressure" to be exerted on Palestinian suspects during interrogation, and more serious pressure hen the security services are seeking information needed

Vietnamese diplomat thought he was being freed

PARIS (AFP) - A Vietnamese diplomat killed during the Airbus hijack drama in Algiers thought he was going to be freed, moments before he was led out and shot, according to a witness account published Wednesday. Clande (only first name given). an air hostess on the Air France plane seized on Dec. 24, said that Bui Giang To, a commercial counsellor based in Algeria, apparently had no idea he going to be executed. "He didn't understand the situation. When Bobby (one of the hijackers) came to fetch him, be tought he was going to be freed," she told the French daily Liberation. "He was on his way, then came back to get three bottles of wine which he had forgotten. He was told it was better to leave them, and he shrugged his shoulders. "The poor man didn't have the time to realise. He took one step out of the cabin and he was executed on the steps." she said. Asked why he was picked out to be shot, she said the head of the four-man hijack team whom she identified as Yaya, had told her: 'He was a foreigner, a Buddhist, and he had a lot of qualifications." The Vietnamese diplomat was the second of three hostages shot during the two-day hijack drama, which ended when the hijackers were killed by crack French intervention troops at Marseille airport on Dec. 26. The other two were an Algerian plain-clothes policeman, and an employee of the French embassy in

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> Mr. Ramzi told the Jordan Times that the five channels system will be provided immediately in the capital, Amman, and in three other governorates later in the year.

vision Corporation

(JRTVC) Ihsan Ramzi said

He said that this service, which is known as multipoints/multi-destination distribution system (MMDS), will offer subscribers five channels that can be received through a special, built-in decoder that will be installed in subscribers' television sets by

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IN BRIEF

population needs

AMMAN (Petra) - The

General Secretariat of the

National Population Com-

mittee in cooperation with

the United Nations Popula-

tion Fund today (Thursday)

hold a seminar on the basic

needs of Jordan's population

up to the year 2005. Partici-

pants will discuss a study on the Kingdom's population

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AQABA (Petra) - Acting

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sawneh Wednesday said the authority is working on de-

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AMMAN (Petra) — University of Jordan President

Fawzi Gharaibeh Wednesday

met with a delegation from

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two universities in scientific

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"The governorates of Zarqa, Irbid and Ma'an will be provided with the service through JRTVC and the Arab Media Company," Mr. Ramzi added. The Arab Media Company (AMC) is a Jordanian

subsidary of the Saudi Arabia Radio and Television Network owned by Sheikh Saleh Abdullah Kamel. The Cabinet Tuesday approved a request by AMC to establish a joint venture with JRTVC to provide the three governo-rates with the MMDS serpay JD15 per month with no initial downpayment as was announced earlier. JRTVC had announced

last year that subscribers would have to pay a JD150 refundable insurance payment for the decoder set. JD150 for an inioal installation fee, and JD10 per month in subscription fees. "Subscribers will now

pay JD15 per month for five television channels. These channels will be CNN International, BBC International, the Arabic movies channel, a foreign movies channel, and a joint channel for children's programmes in the morning and sports in the evening." Mr. Ramzi said.

He added that the number of channels would be increased to eight in the

IAF plans solidarity rally in support of Chechenya

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Isla-mic Action Front (IAF) party Wednesday called on the Chechen peoples. citizens of Zarqa to gather for a public rally Friday at IAF headquarters on the Amman

Zarqa highway. A copy of the announcement, which was made availahle to the Jordan Times, said that the rally was designed to show solidarity with the Chechen Muslim people now facing a Russian attack on their country.

The IAF last week sent a message to Russian President Boris Yeltsin urging his country to end military intervention in Chechenya and stressing that armed conflict

Chechen peoples.
The IAF statement
Wednesday said that the rally, which will be organised at 1:00 p.m. is expected to be addressed hy the following Islamists: Mohammad Al Haj, Yaser Omari, Nabil Shichani, Abdullah Haddad and Daifallah Al Khalaileb.

In its Dec. 23 message to President Yeltsin, the IAF warned that the conflict in Chechenya was bound to trigger a long war of attrition, with the two sides paying a heavy price similar to conflicts in Afghanistan and

ACC loans farmers, developers JD14.3m

AMMAN (Petra) - The Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC) granted a total of . 1D14.3 million in leans to farmers and land developers during 1994, benefitting 5,687 farmers and farm owners, according to a statement Wednesday by ACC Director General Mohammad Ara-

loans were used to finance the reclamation of land, the purchase of farm implements, the construction of poultry farms, the purchase of agricultural inputs and machinery.

Nearly 80 per cent of the loans went to small farmers, and 70 per cent of the total number of borrowers were first-time ACC loan recipients, added Mr. Arabiyat. Last year borrowers repaid JD12.3 million to the ACC, compared to JD10.5 million

m 1993, Mr. Arahiyat said. According to the director general the total amount of loans to farmers at the start of year stood at JD13.6 million, but the ACC is now rescheduling loan repayments on an instalment basis in view of the difficult circumstances resulting from the past agricultural season.

Mr. Arabiyat said he expects that more farmers would borrow from the ACC over the next few years because the ACC expects increased land development and exports in the wake of the Jordan-Israel peace treaty and the opening of trew markets for Jordanian agricultural produce in Arah

Gulf states and Europe. Mr. Arabiyat expects ACC loan applications would amount to no less than JD98 million over the next four

Commerce groups sign twinning protocol

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Federations of Chambers of Commerce in Jordan and Palestine Wednesday announced a "twinning protocol" to promote coopera-

Haidar Murad, chairman of the Federation of Jorda-I nian Chambers of Com-

merce, told the Jordan Times that under the protocol the two federations will work to facilitate the passage of trade

and economic information, Mr. Mnrad said the Jordanian federation is awaiting visits by Palestinian businessmen to explore areas of joint investment and trade.

Petra, UPI sign uplink agreement

By Khattab Salman Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Jordanian official press entered the interna-tional arena Wednesday with the signing of a satellite transmission agreement between United Press International (UPI) and the Jordan News

Agency, Petra.
The transmission will be carried out through UPI satellites providing uplinks covering Europe and the Middle East, the Pacific Rim and Asia, and North Amer-

According to the agree-ment, Petra will transmit in English and Arabic to UPI's offices all over the world, which in turn will retransmit to its subscribers. UPI is owned by the U.S.-

based Worldwide News, Inc. which is partly owned by a gronp of Saudi Arabian businessmen who reportedly saved the corporation from bankruptcy two years ago. The one-year, automatical-

ly renewable agreement states that UPI will provide

its own wires to Petra at no cost, and will provide Petra's reports to any subscriber who wishes to receive them. UPI's 15 satellites glohal network will carry Petra's 50,000 words-daily bulletin.

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In addition, Petra's wires can be received by satellite dish receivers receiving the Middle East Broadcasting Centre transmission in the Middle East, and those re-ceiving NBC in the United States with the help of a decoder that can be linked to

their receivers.

The 24-hour, 300 bauds per second channel will carry Petra's reports under Petra's name with no editorial changes to the content of the agency's reports, but at the same time UPI will not be liable or responsible for the redistributed reports.

The agreement was signed by Minister of Information Jawad Anani and UPI Executive Editor and Vice President Raphael Calis.

Dr. Anani said after the signing ceremony that Jordan aims at tapping international news technology which can be achieved through this agreement.

He said that the agreement would also provide Jordan with feedhack channels as well as a good opportunity to enhance cooperation among Arab news agencies.

Mr. Calis said that the agreement was signed in accordance with a decision taken hy the Federation of Arah News Agencies this agreement not only as a

Minister of Information Jawad Anani and Raphael Calis sign a satellite transmission United Press International Vice President

agreement (Petra photo)

(FANA) at its conference in Beirut last month, to encourage FANA members to transmit their news internationally via satellite uplinks.

He said that this agreement with Petra is the UPI's first with a FANA member, and that similar agreements will be signed in the future with other Arab news agencies. He added that UPI views

business deal, but more as an alliance and partnership between Petra and UPI.

Director General of Petra Abdullah Ottoum said that the agreement "places Petra in a position to transmit news internationally, especially at this important period in the region's history in the wake of signing the Jordanian-

Israeli peace treaty." The Cahinet approved the

agreement two weeks ago after the FANA meeting in Beirut on Dec. 17.

Mr. Ottour noted that this service will allow Jordan to transmit news about its affairs and principles, and that Petra will initiate its transmission via 3 satellites covering 20 areas around the world including Jordan's two information bureaus in Washington and London.

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Visiting Israeli team expects trade with Jordan soon

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - An Israeli business group wound up a three-day visit to Jordan after talks with businessmen bere on trade links and possibilities of joint ventures in various sectors of the economy.

Summing up the results of the visit, Dan Gillerman, president of the Israeli Federation of Chambers of Commerce, told a press conference that he expected trade to begin soon between Jordan and Israel. setting an example for Egypt, whose private sector economie ties with the Jewish state remain largely stagnant despite the Camp David peace agreements of

Mr. Gillerman, whose 25-member delegation included Israeli industrialists, importers, hankers as tour operators, said the discussions the team held here eovered possibilities of joint projects which could take advantage of Israel's privileged trade status with. North American and European countries.

The Israeli team met with the chairman, and hoard of the Jordanian Federation of Chambers of Commerce as well as a large segment of the Kingdom's private sector during the visit which began on Monday.

The delegation was visiting Petra late Wednesday before returning home across the Wadi Araha Crossing in the south, one of the most visible signs of the state of peace between

Jordan and Israel. Among the delegation members were the beads of some of the largest importing and distributing firms as well as department stores in Israel, who discussed the possibilities of importing Jordanian products, hut



bers of Commerce Dan Gillerman (centre) and Israeli husinessman Yacoh Nimrodi (right)

President of the Israeli Federation of Cham- and interpreter M. Barak Wednesday hold a press conference after a three-day visit to Jordan (Petra photo)

there was no word whether any concrete deals were finalised.

he expected the Israeli government to permit the import of some Jordanian products even before the two countries formalise a trade accord in May this

Among the delegation members was Jacoh Nimrodi, a former Israeli military officer and arms dealer who played a key role in the transfer of arms to Iran in exchange for American hostages beld in Lebanon in what came to be known as the Iran-contra scandal.

In comments to the Associated Press in an interview, Mr. Nimrodi said he was no longer interested in the arms trade and was seeking to invest in Jordan in agriculture and tourism.

Mr. Nimrodi, whose leading husiness associates include Saudi Arabian millionaire Adnan Khashoggi, said be was planning to huild a 500-room hotel on the Jordanian sbore of the Red Sea and another botel near the Dead Sea in partnership with a Jordanian hotelier.

Mr. Nimrodi, who was born in Iraq hefore his family migrated to Israel when the Jewish state was created in 1948, and served as Israel's military attache in Tehran for many years, said he also wanted to invest in Jordan's agriculture sector.

Mr. Nimrodi, who now heads a Tel Aviv-hased holding company, is known to have approached the Palestine National Authority (PNA) with proposals to build industrial projects in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and to develop the Palestinian agriculture sec-

In his comments at the press conference. Mr. Gillerman said Jordanian and Israeli businessmen were serious in their efforts to launch joint projects and establish close trade relations, an interest he attributed to the policies adopted by His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

However, be said, be

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Mr. Gillerman said his

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hold in the region.

"Jordan and Israel will do it quickly, and they will set a model to show that it can be done," he said. "Now that Israel and Jordan are getting so close together we can see also the Egyptians waking up. This is part of competition now that they are no more alone in this club of peacemak-

According to Reuters, an opinion poll published in Cairo on Wednesday showed that most Egyptians have no wish to visit Israel, huy Israeli goods or let Israeli factories be huilt in Egyptian territory.

Mr. Gillerman said representatives of Israeli banks in his delegation had signed five cooperation accords with Jordanian counterparts. He did not elaborate.

It was not immediately known whether any Israeli bank was seeking to establish branches in Jordan.

The Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) has said that there was no hurdle for Israeli hanks to set up operations in the Kingdom under the prevailing rules and regulations that govern commercial banking in the country, and that they would be treated as any other foreign commercial hank in Jordan.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

Film entitled "La Belia de la Alhambra" at Instituto

Cervantes (the Spanish Cultural Centre) on Thursday at

CUBAN FILM WEEK

* Film entitled "Around the World in 80 Days" at the American Center on Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

CONCERTS

"Hard Rock" concert by Maybe band at the Royal Cultural Centre on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Our concert by Salman Shukur at the Royal Cultural Centre on Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition of works by Mahmud Obsidi at Darat Al Fahrelaises Zeid and the exhibition of contemporary

k Exhibition of paintings by Ismail and Tamam Shammout at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation.

Ministry reviews recipients of staple ration coupons

By Samir Barhoum Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - A total of 3,747,000 Jordanians of an estimated 3,800,000 entitled to receive ration coupon cards enabling them to purchase basic staples at governmentsubsidised prices used the coupons in 1994, according to Ministry of Supply offi-

Ministry Secretary General Mustafa Khleifat said that of the 716,757 families registered at the ministry, only 650,000 used their ration coupons, which entitle them to purchase rice, sugar and milk at subsidised prices. The difference prompted the ministry to conduct a review of the number of families who will get the coupons in the fu-

Mr. Khleifat said that of total of about 50,000 Palestinian refugees from Gaza who bold temporary two-year Jordanian passreferred to as Gazans, 49,500 used the ration conpons last year.

A recent census by the Statistics Department showed that the population of Jordan stands at 4,095,579, with 3,779,118 Jordanians and 316,461 foreigners. Only Jordanians and Gazans are entitled to receive ration coupons, introduced by the ministry in 1990 to save funds budgeted by the government to subsidise basic food supplies.

The bead of the Coupons Department at the ministry, Mohammad Abu Shakra, said that by mid-January the ministry will have completed all the studies on the number of beneficiaries for 1995, noting that the ministry started distributing the 1995 coupons about three

months ago. Mr. Ahu Shakra said beneficiaries will this year re-ceive the cards only once

year as was the routine earlier to save them extra effort and to reduce bureaucratic procedures. But he stressed that each set of the coupons will be valid for four months and urged beneficiaries to use them before their expiry

According to ministry regulations, each eligible Jordanian adult is entitled to 1.5 kilogrammes of rice. and 1.5 kilogrammes of sugar monthly, in addition to one kilogramme of powdered milk every three

Mr. Abu Shakra said Jordan spent JD 15 million in 1994 to subsidise the basic food commodities purchased by coupons. The Kingdom used to

spend up to JD 60 million per year for food subsidies in the late 1980s. It has gradually brought down the amount by introducing the coupons in 1990.

One of the first measures sought by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the economic restructuring programme prescribed for Jordan was the withdrawal of subsidies.

Jordan resisted IMF pressure and sought instead to reduce spending in other sectors and only gradually cut the subsidies.

As one method of reducing amounts spent on subsidising staples, the government decided to distribute food coupons only to families with an annual income of less than 6,000, but according to Mr. Abu Shakra, the decision was never implemented.

He said it was difficult for the ministry to define the incomes of families and it ruled out using data collected by the Statistics Department last month. The ministry, he added, counts families in the Kingdom based on the number of family registration books.

while the Department of Statistics counts all people living in one house as one family regardless of the number of family registration hooks within that

bousehold.

To avoid any injustice, the ministry opted to ignore the income bracket method and to condinue to offer coupons to all those enotled, he said.

Last month. Minister of Supply Adel Qudah stressed that the government will continue to subsidise basic food commodides, saving that in 1994 the gov-ernment budgeted JD 40 million alone to subsidise

Mr. Qudah told a Parliament session that the government will continue to subsidise the prices of wheat, flour, sugar, rice, powdered milk, frozen

chieken, and olive oil. He said all these commodities were imported at international prices and

lower prices, noting that the subsidy policy would continue despite the fluctuation of prices in international markets.

He said that in 1994 the price of a tonne of wheat rose on the internacional market from \$119 to \$175. sugar went from \$340 to \$462 per tonne, rice from \$280 to \$418 per tonne and dried milk from \$23 a car-

ton to \$35. According to Mr. Khleifat. Jordan consumes 650,000 tonnes of wbeat annually, of which only 50,000 are produced locally. The government, he said, pays JD 8 million to buy the locally produced wheat before reselling it at

subsidised prices. Mr. Khleifat said Jordan annually consumes 500,000 tonnes of barley. 350,000 tonnes of corn. 170,000 tonnes of sugar, 80,000 tonnes of rice as well as 750,000 cartons of powdered milk.

PARIS (R) - France's undeclared campaign for the presidency has shifted into a higher gear as election hopefuls such as Prime Minister Edouard Balladur prepare to declare themselves as candidates within the next two

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Shadow-boxing has so far dominated politics ahead of the April/May contest to succeed Socialist President Francois Mitterrand, who will step down after 14 years in power.

But Mr. Balladur has now told ministers in his centreright government that they are free to express rheir personal preferences for candidates, officials said Wednes-"The rule was that we

shouldn't speak of the elections before January. We're in January so we can talk, we will talk," government spokesman Nicolas Sarkozy told reporters. Mr. Balladur, widely ex-

pected to run and whose ellow-Gaullist rival Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac declared his candidacy last month, has acknowledged

Sri Lanka

ceasefire

expected

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Jan. 14

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COLOMBO (AFP) - A

truce between Sri Lanka gov-

ernment forces and Tamil Ti-

ger guerrillas will come into

force on Jan. 14 to coincide

with a new round of peace

talks, Information Minister

Dharmasiri Senanayake said

A "cessation of hostilities"

will be in place before the

third round of talks with the

Liberation Tigers of Tamil

Eciam (LTTE) in the rebel-

held northern Jaffna peninsu-

la on Jan. 14, the minister

He said both sides had

agreed to invite foreigners to

monitor the truce. The minis-

ter said the move was not a

formal ceasefire but an infor-

mal agreement to stop hostile

Military officials said the

that time is running short. Anxious to capitalise on his aloof nature above the political fray, Mr. Balladur has always stressed that he is too busy to think about the election but has promised to decide this month.

The covert campaign has divided the government. made up of Mr. Balladur's and Mr. Chirae's - Rally For the Republic (RPR) and of the centrist Union for French Democracy (UDF). The RPR is split while most UDF members favour the more moderate Balladur.

This week. Dominique Perben, the RPR minister for overseas territories, became the latest cabinet member behind Mr. Balladur, Other including Foreign Minister Alain Juppe, back Mr. Chir-

"Now we're going to see one minister after another declaring his support for one candidate or the other. It's a hateful spectacle, and it's not what a presidential election is about." Socialist leader Henri Emmanuelli complained Wednesday.

"I fear that Balladur will manage not the affairs of France but instead his own election campaign." he told Europe-I Radio.

Sources close to Mr. Balladur quoted by French newspapers said he was expected to throw his hat into the ring just after an extraordinary session of parliament due to end on Jan. 16.

The daily Liberation reported Mr. Balladur's camp had already chosen its campaign headquarters, a building conveniently close to his Matignon offices on the left bank or the Seine River.

The newspaper said that Balladur supporters met Tuesday to organise the campaign and set up regional committees — due to include elected officials from the RPR and UDF in equal numbers - to coordinate efforts at grass-roors level.

Budget Minister Sarkozy, a leading light in the Balladur camp, urged the premier however not to show his hand too soon because of the disarray among the opposition

Mr. West - who was

charged with murdering 12

women and girls, including his first wife and two of his

daughters — died from "cerebral anoxia due to hang-

Gloucester, southern Eng-

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dent Bennett admitted the

apparent suicide of Mr. West

on New Year's Day had

"complicated" the inquiry.

committal proceedings

against Mr. West's wife

would go ahead as scheduled

in Dursley. Gloucestershire.

Mr. Bennett's remarks

on Feb. 6.

But he said he believed

ing", police said.

"As long as there is no official Socialist candidate. all the others are running around like headless chickens." he said.

Further to the right, anti-Maastricht campaigner Philippe de Villiers will announce his candidacy Sunday, the daily Ouest-France said Wednesday. Another possible candidate is centreright ex-Premier Raymond Barre, who has no party ties.

With the Socialists shattered by the refusal to outgoing European Commission head Jacques Delors to stand. Mr. Emmanuelli pledged the party would find a candidate by early Febru-"All I can say is that our

candidate musi have wide support in the Socialist movement, as well as support outside it, and be ready to spear-head a real debate," he said. Mr. Mitterrand himself is rumoured to favour former

Interior and Defence Minister Pierre Joxe, but other possible Socialist candidates include Mr. Emmanuelli and ex-Premier Pierre Mauroy.

Angolan, rebel army leaders to meet on

premiers Prince Norodom Ranariddh, his son, and Hun Sen, the president of the National Assembly, Chea Sim and diplomats and senior government officials. King Sihanouk, 72, has

been undergoing treatment in Beijing for cancer and other ailments since October 1993. He last returned home for six

BANGKOK (R) - Thai-

land's parliament Wednesday

overwhelmingly passed a his-

toric package of amendments

to the constitution that aim to

broaden democracy in a

country long plagued by

Thailand has seen at least

17 successful or attempted

coups since the end of abso-

lute monarchy in 1932.

Scores of pro-democracy pro-

testers were gunned down in

May 1992. The 360 elected members

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PHNOM PENH (R) - A

smiling and healthy-looking King Norodom Sihanouk re-

turned to Cambodia Wednes-

day afternoon after pro-

longed cancer treatment

abroad, to an enthusiastic

and colourful welcome from

King Sihanouk, accompa-

nied by his wife Queen Moni-

que, arrived at Phnom Penh's

Airport aboard a North Ko-

"I miss you, I miss you all

very much. Thank you, thank

vou. I'm recovered now,

thank you," he told the

He was welcomed by co-

crowds.

thousands of people.

King Sihanouk said Wednesday he would be back for three and a half months before returning to Beijing for medical checks. "His health, according to

weeks in April and May last

his doctors, is very good, exellent. That's why he is able to come back to the country." government spokesman Sieng Lapresse said. "We hope is going to stay here permanently.

Mr. Lapresse said the king would spend only a short rime in the capital before leaving for Siem Reap in the northwest, the site of the ancient 12th-century Angkor

"His Majesty is expected to spend about one week in Phnom Penh, then move to the royal residence of Siem Reap where he wants to spent time resting." he said. Between 15,000 and 20,000

people lined the streets of the capital waving paper flags

will adjudicate in cases

One key change that failed

to be included would have

created new local govern-

ment councils elected for

fixed terms. Two amend-

ments providing for this were

scuttled in December after

one party in the ruling coali-

tion joined the opposition to

Local politicians and West-

em diplomats agreed the key

amendment is the reduction

of the voting age, which will

increase the number of eligi-

ble voters and make vote-

buying more difficult and

Amending the constitution

was previously the preserve of a succession of coup-

makers. Wednesday's vote

reforms a charter drawn up

under a junta known as the

National Peace Keeping

Council, after the army over-

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The army crushed the pro-

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Sihanouk returns home in good health and flowers. Boulevards were decorated with banners reading: "Long live the king father and queen mother" and "long live peace and national reconciliation".

Cambodia for three months (AFP photo)

King Sihanouk appeared touched by the welcome and waved enthusiastically from his car.

Mr. Lapresse said King Sihanouk's cabinet office would be temporarily moved to Siem Reap and "announcements" were expected.

He said King Sihanouk "might take up some kind of state duries", adding that the king had asked for a simple welcome without any parades The French colonial power

crowned Sihanouk king in 1941 when he was 18, believing he would be more impressionable than other royal candidates. Instead, he showed a flair for diplomacy and snatched independence from France 12 years later. Thailand approves constitutional changes

Mr. Chuan declared re-

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Bond 'ripoff' SANTA MONICA, Califor-

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The process continued after both sides agreed to rejtg the proposed amendments in a bipartisan committee. The coalition, always a fra-

gile marriage of convenience, was threatened after the New Aspiration Party (NAP) defected to the opposition over the local administration Mr. Chatichai Choonha-

van's Chart Pattana Party saved the day by joining the government in place of the "This is a considerable

morale-booster after the problems of the past," said a Western diplomat. "At least this puts the

question behind the government," said another diplo-mat. "The government can argue that it bas fulfilled its

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Both sides accuse each other of launching attacks de-spite the peace accord and ceasefire agreed in November - the latest of several attempts to end nearly 20

A joint government-UNITA commission to oversee implementation of the truce has held several sesto reach agreement on issues

Diplomats in Luanda said a meeting between the two chiefs of staff could kelp dispel some of the deep distrust between the government and members of Jonas Savimbi's National Union for the Total Independence of Angola

No date was announced but the U.N.'s special repre-

Jornal De Angola said the meeting between Gen. De Matos and Gen. Ben Ben could take place between the

government-held provincial capital of Huambo and the lown of Bailundo, 65 kilometres to the north.

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dents," Mr. Rao said.

"Some criticism has been would swamp our economy.

swamped nor are we seiling away our country." Mr. Rao said, adding that the volume of foreign investment was U.N. Secretary-General well below India's needs.

peace accord LUANDA (R) — Angola's army chief and the UNITA

rebels' senior military officer

Angola said Wednesday army General Joao De Matos and UNITA's Arlindo Chenda Pena "Ben Ben" would meet in the central highlands province of Huambo, scene of some of the worst fighting in the latter stages of the conflict.

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sions in Luanda but has failed under discussion.

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lowering the voting age to 18 from 20, ensuring equal rights for women and reducing the members of the military-dominated senate to two-thirds of the lower

strators and wounding hundreds, but Gen. Suchinda It also authorise setting up an administrative court which was forced to resign. Indonesia hits out at Portugal over East Timor

JAKARTA (R) - Indonesia accused Portugal Wednesday of taking an aggressive stance before fresh U.N.-brokered talks on the troubled territory of East Timor.

Foreign Minister Ah Ala-us told a news conference Indonesia hoped the one-day meeting in Geneva Monday would belo achieve a compromise over divergent views on Portugal's former colony. which indonesia invaded in 1975 and annexed the following year.
"They continue to pursue a

very aggressive and highly inflammatory attitude towards this issue of East Timor, which is not very belpful towards creating confidence and an atmosphere conductive to the solution of the problem." he said.

In East Timor, an official told local reporters that five East Timorese were killed when ethnic moting swept the towe of Baucau, 180 kilometres east of the capital Dill: Sunday

Indonesia's military has said one person was killed, a figure repeated by Mr. Alatas Wednesday. Mr. Alatas said: "We expect the talks will continue on

its original intent to find a compromise. Portugal has not changed its attitude. It has not changed its tune since

Bourros Ghali will chair the meeting in Geneva between Mr. Alatas and his Portuguese counterpart. Jose Manuel Durao Barroso.

monity. Mr. Alatas said Jakarta

had sincerely implemented a series of confidence-building measures assigned to it from the fourth round of talks in May 1994. He said these included allowing a U.N. special rapporteur and the foreign press to enter the territory.

He accused Lisbon of doing little to improve dialogue or the underlying situation in mainly Catholic East Timer. Human rights groups say more than 200,000 people have died, many from starvation, since Indonesia invaded.

"We would like to ask the Portuguese what they have done. Unfortunately, I have not seen much of Portugal's implementation of their confidence-building measures." he said.

"For instance, to exercise restraint and contribute to creating a favourable atmosphere, these are things that are expected to Portugal but 1 do not see much."

Mainly Muslim Indonesia has faced dwindling guerrilla resistance to its rule in East Timor. But lingering civilian resentment over Jakarta's rule and the presence of Indonestan immigrants has boiled over into riots and protests several times in re-

were killed.

last November in East Timor's capital Dili, where troops in 1991 shot dead up

evening. There was a big crowd in the street," one diplomat said.

Also Wednesday, Mr. Alatas said Indonesia supports in principle an expanded permanent membership of

claims. conference some developing countries should join at the

the United Nations Security Council and believes Japan and Germany have strong

"Therefore, should this happen, at the samme time some developing countries should join." He said criteria should include equitable geographic distribution, political and economic weighting, size of population and a record of contributing to the solution

came as the Crown Prosecuagreement could be upgraded tion Service announced it was to a ceasefire, depending on Birmingham, the English considering the implication of the initial response from Tt-Midlands. But that watch was later Mr. West's death Sunday in a gers who have been fighting prison cell in Birmingham. to establish an independent relaxed, after it was considered Mr. West was not at the English Midlands. on the homeland called Eclam. case against his wife. A statement from President Chandrika Kumaratunga's office Wednesday said India's Rao stands up the government wanted the LTTE to snggest dates for for free-market reforms substantive negotiations but there had been no response

yer from the rebels.
"The LTTE has not yet agreed to commence peace talks." the statement said referring to substantive nego-

tiations to hammer out a solution to the conflict which has claimed over 30,000 lives in 23 years. It said there was also no agreement on opening a land route to Jaffna where the LTTE maintains its own

police, civil administration

and communication systems. Talks between Colombo and the LTTE so far have focused on economic issues in LTTE-held regions as well as the need to stop the fighting. officials said. Mr. Senanayake said the

president was expected to

give details of the discussions with the LTTE and her efforts to resolve the ethnic conflict Friday. Mrs. Kumaratunga, a member of the majority Sinhalese community, has agreed in principle to grant greater autonomy to ethnic

Tamils but the amount of

authority to be devolved remains a thorny issue. Despite the initial euphoria expressed by the head of the government peace mission after Tuesday's talks, other Tamil parties and political analysis say the country is

still a long way from peace.
Anni-LTTE Tamil legislator Dharmalingam Sidhartan. whose deputy was killed by suspected Tiger gunmen on New Year's Eve, said he wanted an "all encompassing ceasefire" with guarantees of their safety.

"We favour a cessation of hostilities. But some deterrent or a monitoring mechanism is necessary given the record of the LTTE," said L. Keethiswaran, the spokesman of the leftist Eelam Peogle's Revolutionary Liberation Front.

Previous ceasefires have

ended in disaster leading to

more violence. Analysts be-

heve the latest truce bid may

also fail unless it was coupled

with colitical negotiations.

U.K. alleged killer's daughter 'tried suicide' A post-mortem examination Tuesday confirmed that

LONDON (AFP) - The daughter of alleged serial kil-ler Frederick West tried to kill herself just hours after her father's death, the tabloid Today newspaper reported

Wednesday. Anne Marie West, 30, took an overdose, but was found by her boyfriend and taken to hospital, said the paper, adding that she had been distraught at news of her father's apparent suicide Sun-

Anne Marie was in a terrible state. She had been abused by Fred but she still stood by him," an aunt told the paper. According to Today, Anne

Marie had regularly visited

her father in prison.

It said she had been increasingly concerned for his sanity, and that Mr. West had admitted before Christmas he wanted to take his life. Anne Marie was understood to have told police her fears, and Mr. West was put

under special watch at the prison where he was held in

CALCUTTA (R) — Indian Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao staunchly defended his free-market economic policies Wednesday, saying he had not sold off the

igners and would parsne more reforms. Mr. Rao, facing unrest from his Congress Party before state polls next month and general elections next year, brushed aside critics who claim his three-year liberalisation programme has sacrificed India's teeming poor and hurt his polinical

nation's interests to fore-

party.
"I should like to announce with no hesitation that we are firmly committed to our reforms programme and shall move forward with confi-dence," Mr. Rao told an International Business Conference in the eastern city of

Mr. Rao's address to the Confederation of Indian Industries, billed by senior aides as a major policy speech, left little doubt he would continue dismantling barriers to trade and investment. He said the nation

backed economic reforms. "I am aware that the path of reforms is not a bed of roses," he said, adding liberalisation meant tough polincal choices. "But like many countries which have attempted liber-

alisation, bave worked through it and have performed economic miracles, 1 am convinced that this is also the appropriate approach for us at this juncture." he said. Mr. Rao has come under pressure from critics within

his ruling Congress Party to slow down the liberalisation drive and offer greater weifare benefits to ordinary peo-Congress was routed in state elections last month and

faces tough battles in another

five states beginning in February. General elections are due in 1996. Mr. Rao's leading Congress rival, former Human

Resources Minister Arjun Singh, challenged the prime minister by resigning his cabinet post last month. Mr. Singh accused Mr. Rao of failing to put a "human face" on reforms and ignoring cor-

But Mr. Rao said he had offered special schemes to sections of society bypassed by the benefits of liberalisanon, including small firms. and would confinue to do so without relying on short-term

the economy.
"I have laid emphasis on the human face from the very beginning," he said in a direcretort to Mr. Singh. Rahul Bajaj, chairman of

sured by Mr. Rao's speech.
There was a fear that liberalisation would be set back." be told Reuters. The prime minister said India could not stand by while business barriers came down across the rest of the

Mr. Rao acknowledged some unscrupulous people had abused the liberalisation drive but malpractices were no reason to turn back. A large number of bankers. brokers and government officials have been linked to a \$1.3

the economic reforms. "I do not believe the direction in which we are heading needs to be given up merely on account of these inci-

voiced that foreign trivestors Mr. Rao said, referring to complaints that overseas investors have snapped up valuable national resources. "Neither are we being

It is the fifth in a series of U.N.-brokered talks in three years. The United Nations regards Portugal as East Timor's administering au-

Virgilio Dias Marcal. mayor of Baucau, did not say how the five East Timorese There was similar rioting

to 200 marchers at a funeral and sparked an international Residents and diplomats said Wednesday that Baucau was still tense. "It was very, very tense yesterday in the

But Mr. Alatas told a news same time for balance in the Council, whose permanent members are Britain, China, France. Russia and the UnMGM, Danjag

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Honda for allegation Flu-ridden Italian president halts crisis talks Mr. Berlusconi and his allies the outgoing president halts crisis talks

ROME (Agencies) — Illness forced President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro to suspend talks on selecting Italy's political stale-Scalfaro to suspend taus on solving Italy's political stalemate Wednesday as speculation grew he may appoint former head of state Frances-co Cossiga as prime minister.

Mr. Scalfaro, 76, had been

co Cossiga as prime Mr. Scalfaro, 76, had been Mr. Scauaro, ..., the due to meet delegations from the to meet delegations from marties due to meet oenegations all the main political parties we duesday in a second round of talks aimed at solving a deep political crisis sparked by the resignation of Prime Minister Silvio Berluscom on Dec. 22.

But the president's office said the consultations had been suspended because Mr. Scalfaro was suffering from influenza, meaning a further delay in appointing a new prime minister.

The talks had originally been scheduled to end Thursday evening and political commentators bad said that Mr. Scalfaro could appoint someone to bead Italy's 54th government since World War II by the weekend.

The beads of Italy's two bouses of parliament bad talks with Mr. Scalfaro Tuesday evening and both ex-pressed optimism that there would be a relatively swift end to the turmoil.

"The crisis is sorting itself out, the skies are growing lighter," said Lower house

Mr. Berlusconi resigned after the federalist Northern League party pulled out nf his seven-month-old coalition

last month. The nutgoing prime minister and his allies are demanding fresh elections with Mr. Berlusconi proposing March 26 as a date — exactly a year after Italians last voted in general elections.

But the Leagne and apposition centrist and leftist parties say that a broad-based transitional government is required to pass electoral and. institutinnal reform before Italians return to the ballot

Mr. Scalfaro, arbiter in the crisis, has the difficult job of plotting a way out of the

The president bas said that he must be guided by the constitution and cannot dissolve parliament as a majority of its members oppose such a move.

Commentators suggested the outspoken Cossiga, Mr. Scalfaro's predecessor as president, had emerged as favourite to lead a transitional government.

They said the silver-haired Sardinian was combative enough to cope with parliamentary ambushes from

in the Freedom Alliance, Mr. Cossiga is on good terms with many members of the Alliance.

But Clemente Mastella, labour minister in the Berlusconi government, said Mr. Cossiga was not interested in the job.

"We've just bad a meeting with Cossiga ... he has no intention of being part of a game in which there can be no winners," said Mr. Mustella of the small Christian Democratic Centre Party.

Other candidates for the jnb include Treasury Minister Lamberto Dini, a nonpartisan figure who enjoys the backing of the Freedom Alliance. But his chances bave been burt by the Alliance's insistence on early elections.

Economist Mario Monti, a newly appointed European Union commissioner, is the choice of Northern League leader Umberto Bossi while centrist Mario Segni bas proposed Antonio Di Pietro, the former judge who spearheaded Italy's war on

Any new governing coalition formed to avert snap Italian elections must be headed by Mr. Berlusconi. senior politicians allied with the outgoing premier said Tuesday, ruling out any compromise on an alternative administration.

The supporters said in a statement that Mr. Berlusconi is the "only leader" from within the coalition led by his Forza Italia party that took power after March elections whn can legitimately bead a new government enjoying a parliamentary majority."

If such a majority could not be formed, elections "within a short timeframe" are the "obligatory solution" to Italy's current political stale-

In such a case, Mr. Berlusconi would be prepared to back the formation of an "electoral government" headed by a different leader from within the depleted right-wing coalition, they

Although uncompromising in broad terms, the declaration marked a slight softening of the stance of the Berlusconi camp, which bad previously insisted nn "immediate" It came at the end of a

summit of leaders of Fnrza Italia, National Alliance and the small Christian Democratic Centre, convened to thrash ont a common stand ahead of a planned meeting with President Scalfaro.

Bosnia ceasefire marred by fighting in Bihac enclave

SARAJEVO (Agencies) — U.N. peacekeepers said on Wednesday fighting in the Bosnian enclave of Bihac marred the country's new ceasefire nn the eve nf a meeting of major powers tn discuss bow the truce might further the peace process.

The fnur-month ceasefire between Muslim-led government and Bosnian Serb forces which began on New Year's Day bas slowed fightmg everywhere but in the northwest enclave of Bihac.

The U.N. reported beavy shelling in the north of the Bibac enclave near Velika Kladusa Tuesday. Some 300 artillery and mortar explosions landed in the vicinity of the town with more overnight, U.N. spokesman Herve Gourmelon told Reu-

The United Nations has blamed rebel Serbs from the Krajina region in Croatia and renegade Muslim allies for clashes with Bosnian government forces but said there was little they could do as the rebel elements were not signatories to the truce.

Diplomats from the fivenation "contact group" on Bosnia, - the United States. Russia, Britain, France and Germany — planned to bold talks in Bonn Thursday to build on the new truce to press for a negotiated settlement of the war, the German

It said the basis for the talks would be the peace plan drawn up last July and accepted by all parties to the conflict except the Bosnian

The meeting will discuss which steps can be taken in continue the efforts towards a political peace settlement against the background of the ceasefire agreed for Bosnia-Herzegovina," the Foreign Ministry said.

Since the latest truce was proposed in a peace mission by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, diplomats say the major powers appear to have shifted their stance to accommodate Serb demands.

A statement last week by the contact group welcoming the truce cautiously referred to its peace plan as a "starting point" instead of a fixed proposal which they bad presented as an ultimatum earlier this year.

Leaders of the Bosnian Serbs and the Muslim-led government, the main warring factions in Bosnia, were due to bold U.N.-mediated talks at Sarajevo Airport to discuss the detailed imple-mentation of the four-month truce accord.

U.N. commander Lieutenant-General Sir Micbael Rose and U.N. civil affairs chief Viktor Andreev snowy weather.

Bosnian army nfficers for talks on establishing a zone nf separation between the two armies and other key elements of the truce.

The truee aecord was signed after U.N. sbuttle diplomacy persuaded the Bosnian government not to insist on peace in Bihac and the Serbs on a government army pullout from Mount Igman overlooking Sarajevo as firm preconditions for the agreement.

But Mnslim-led army forces were expected to carry out a pledge to withdraw an estimated 250 soldiers from the demilitarised mountain zone, a U.N. spokesman

U.N. troops would inspect the demilitarised znne Wednesday to begin verifying that all government troops bad left. In return, the Serbs were expected to reopen some roads into Sarajevo for civilian traffic this week.

Sarajevo residents got a boost Tnesday when the airport reopened and tram services balted by Serb snipers resumed.

The airport, the main aid gateway for Sarajevn's 380,000 residents, bad been closed Saturday after a U.N. cargo aircraft skidded into a mudbank after landing in

Meanwhile the cnpresidents of the Geneva conference nn former Yugoslavia Wednesday discussed with Croatian officials and secessionist Serbs how to revamp the infrastructure between Croatia and its separatist Krajina reginn, Zagreb

Radio said. The talks bere focused on the implementation of the Dec. 2 accord in which the Croatian government and the separatists committed themselves in reopening communication lines, water and electricity mains and an oil

pipeline. Lord Owen who represents the European Union said the implementation of the agreement was key to resolving the separatist conflict in Croatia.

Lord Owen and the United Nations Thorvald Stoltenberg first met with Hrvoje Sarinic, cabinet ebief of Croatian President Franjo Tudjman.

The three later beld talks sat Zagreb Airport with the Croat Serb "Prime Minister" Borislav Mikelic.

Lord Owen and Mr. Stoltenberg had met with Croat Serb leaders Monday at Knin, the main city of Croatia's separatistcontrolled Krajina region.

The two mediators then briefed Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic in Belgrade Tuesday.

Republicans take hard line in Whitewater report

tee issued its report Tuesday U.S. Senate banking commiton last year's Whitewater hearings, with Republicans vowing further investigation into the failed real estate deal which has dogged the admi-nistration of President Bill

Clinton. The Republican minority said there was "a good possibility" that the president and Mrs. Clinton got confidential information about a government investigation into an Arkansas savings and loan (SL) institution that involved them.

Hearings by both the Senate and the House of Representatives Banking Commit-

WASHINGTON (R) — The tee looked into questionable contacts between White House and U.S. Treasury Department officials about

the investigation. The Senate panel also investigated the suicide in July 1993 of White House deputy counsel Vincent Foster. Senator Alfonse D'Amato

of New York, the committee's incoming Republican chairman, said Republicans wanted to know what had been talked about at an October 1993 meeting between Mr. Clinton and Jim Guy Tucker, his successor as Arkansas governor who was also a figure in the investiga-

both the Senate and House committees looked into contacts between the Treasury Department and White House on an investigation intn the Madison SL institution by the Resolution Trust Corp, the SL clean-np body

that is under U.S. Treasury

authority. Madison was headed by James McDougal, a friend of the Clintons and their partner in the money-losing Whitewater boliday development in Arkansas. Madison collapsed, costing nearly \$50 million.

Both the Clintons and Mr. Tucker were named in "criminal referrals" on Madison In bearings last summer, by the RTC.

The Republican report rejected the rationale offered at the bearings that the White House needed to know of the criminal referrals so it could be ready to deal with press questions.

"The 'press leak' rationale does not justify the disclosure to the White House of the existence and details of criminal referrals that mention the president and Mrs. Clinton," the report said. It also rejected as

"obviously spnrions" an argument that the White House counsel needed the information to protect the president from meetings which could later be embar-

Bangladesh opposition announces fresh protests

DHAKA (AFP) - Bangladesb opposition groups Wednesday unveiled fresb protest plans after a third day of general strikes ended without any sign of the government giving in to demands to

stand down. The new protests will begin Jan. 1I and climax on Jan. 19 with an attempt to impose a nationwide road and railway blockade, according to the major parties opposing Prime Minister Khaleda Zia,

The plans were announced at separate rallies organised by the Awami League of Sheikh Hasina Wajed, the Jatiya Party of deposed President Hussain Mohammad Ershad and the fundamental-

ist Jamaat-e-Islami party. Leaders at the rallies called on Mr. Zia to dissolve parliament and summon fresb elections under a caretaker administration. They repeated their rejection of Mr. Zia's offer to stand down 30 days

ahead of elections due in 1996.

Thousands of police and para-military forces were again on the streets for the third eight-bour stoppage. They chased pickets throwing firecrackers but the most serious incident reported was the burning of a motorcycle by strikers.

In temperatures down to a near record low of six degrees Celsius (43 Fabrenheit), stranded commuters were

able to get to work on rickshaws. And though schools and businesses remained sbut, government offices and banks worked with staff.

Witnesses said six people were detained and opposition sources said seven activists were burt by police baton charges. But Dhaka's main bospital reported no arrivals during the strike.

The opposition threatened to intensify street protests unless Mr. Zia calls elections.

Republicans take charge in Congress

a bost of legislation to reduce taxes, cut the size of govern-

ment and balance the budget. for a presidential inaugural, - Georgia lawmaker Newt Gingrich will be elected speaker of the House of Representatives and Republicans will immediately begin a series of votes on his sweep-ing legislative platform, the ... so-called Contract with

.... America. "It's overwhelming, everything from having to take charge of the House itself... to coordinating with the Senate," Mr. Gingrich said Tuesday as he headed to a meeting with incoming Senate majority leader Bob Dole of

Mr. Gingrich, a brash conscrvative who battled the entrenched Democratic majority for years, was slated to attend two Republican galas and a special prayer service before his formal election as

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control of the U.S. Congress trumpeted a full-page ad by promising dramatic action on the Republican National Committee in Tnesday's

USA Today newspaper. When the gavels bang in Amid pomp, circumstance the House and Senate at control of both chambers for the first time in 40 years, after elections last November that gave them sweeping victories over President Bill Clinton's Democrats.

The focus will be on the House, where Mr. Gingrich bas led his party in promising a 100-day legislative blitz to fulfil promises made in his contract with America, a document that establishes positions on issues ranging from welfare to taxes.

Mnch of day one — which could drag into the wee bours of Thursday — will be taken np by debate and votes on eight internal reforms including making the House subject to the same federal work rules that apply to the rest of

the country Republican Conference Chairman John Boehner of Ohio said this reform is likely

WASHINGTON (R) — Af-, "Tomorrow's not just to lead to second thoughts, ter 40 years in the political", another day. And this is not about some laws. Congress. wilderness, Republicans take just another Congress," has imposed on the private about some laws: Congress: sector — such as fair labour standards - but from which it has been exempt.

Other opening-day reforms to be voted on by the House include reducing committee ing a comprehensive andit of the House books, limiting the terms of committee chairman and the speaker and requirmg a three-fifths majority to increase income tax rates.

Beyond internal reforms, the Republican contract calls for votes in the first 100 days on cutting taxes, a constitutional amendment requiring a balance budget, reforming welfare, strengthening de-fence, overhauling product liability laws, toughening a crime bill passed last year and limiting the number of terms members of Congress may

Democrats downplayed the reforms, pointing out that the House passed legislation in 1994 applying laws to Con-

Taking aim at Mr. Gingrich, Democrats will offer a proposal to bar lawmakers from accepting gifts from lob-byists and limiting royalties from book deals to a third of a legislator's salary. Mr. Gingrich came under

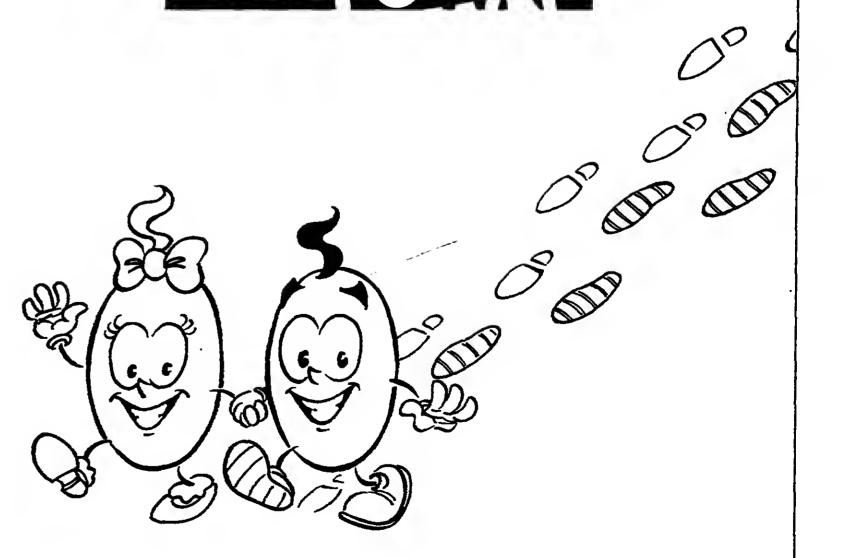
fire last month for agreeing to a \$4.5 million advance for writing two books. After public outcry, be said, he would take only a \$I advance but would take royalties. "It's very important we say

to the American people no more special-interest undue influence in the legislative process," said Democratic leader Dick Gepbardt of Missouri. In the Senate, the change is

less cataclysmic. Republicans last held a majority there from 1981 to 1987 during Ronald Reagan's era, and Sen. Dole will resume the majority leader's post be beld during the last two of those

Sen. Dole is promising action on some of the House contract bills, but the Senate moves mnre slowly and the rules give the minority a bigger voice than in the House. Senate Democrats sought to place their own imprint on

to the right. "Republicans bave been given a chance, not a mandate" to solve the natinn's problems," Sen. Daschle of South Dakota said at a news conference as he beld out the prospect of a partnership beThe programme of the control of the tep into



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Gingrich mother says son thinks Hillary is a 'bitch'

mother of incoming and out-spoken U.S. House of Repre-can't?" and Mrs. Gingrich

The comment by Kathleen Gingrich, who calls her son "Jovable" in a CBS interview, seems likely to cause a new nproar between the White House and Republicans who take over the U.S. Gongress for the first time in years Wednesday.

The two sides have already

pen at odds over Mr. Gingnch's claim that a large percentage of White House staff took drugs in the past five years and allegations by North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms that the military detests President Bill Clinton. In the interview to be

me Chung, Ms. Chung asks Mrs. Gingrich, 68, what her son told her about President Clinton, She answered: The only thing he ever told me is between her and her staunch-that he's smart. That he's an ly conservative step-brother, deligent man. That he's not she said: "We've never she said: "We've never

Then Mrs. Gingrich added: ably more embarrassed that "I can't tell you what he said I'm a Democrat, if any-about Hillary," according to thing."

Mrs. Gingrich replied: "She's birch, about the only thing he ever said about her I think they had some meet ing you know and she takes over... but with Newty there

Mrs. Gingrich went on to say ber son could become president "if he wants it."

for Newty. Candace Gingrich, Newt's shown Thursday on CBS- stepsister who is gay, was less TV's Eye To Eye With Con- than adoring about him, saying she wasn't sure she could vote for him.

very practical, but he's intelli- actually spoken with each other about it. ... He's prob-

NEW YORK (R) — The a transcript released by CBS.

sentatives Speaker Newt replied: "I can't."

Gingrich says in a television But Ms. Gingrich materiew that her son thinks and said: "Why don't you just whisper it to me, just which."

The comment by Kathleen

she can't."

Asked to describe who her son is, Mrs. Gingrich said: "My boy Newty, that's who Newt Gingrich is, reliable, dedicated, works hard . He's just lovable. TV was made

Asked if her being a les bian was a source of friction

the new Congress, as incoming Democratie leader Thomas Daschle warned Republicans against veering too far

tween the parties.

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Reconciliation, Arab way

IN AN effort to bring about Arab reconciliation, the Arab League Secretary General, Dr. Esmat Abdul Meguid, is currently touring the Arab Gulf states. During his visit to Kuwait, the country whose dispute with and subsequent invasion by Iraq in 1990 triggered the Gulf war and the division in Arab ranks, Dr. Abdul Meguid ruled out the possibility of bolding an Arab summit in the near future. His host, Kuwait's foreign minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sahah, went further by stating that no reconciliation meeting will be beld at any level "until Iraq transforms all mandates and articles in U.N. resolutions into reality."

That put Dr. Abdul Meguid's mission in jeopardy, even though it came at the bebest of the beads of state of Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arahia who met in Alexandria last week to discuss the Arab Nation's current state of affairs and to see what could be done

to improve it.

Kuwait, still traumatised by the sevenmonth Iragi occupation in 1990 and 1991, is right to want to ensure that Iraq's recent recognition of its borders is final and binding and will not lend in any way to a repetition of the invasion debacle. However, neither the Kuwait dispute with Iraq nor the latter's with the U.S. should continue to hold the Arab Nation hostage to the circumstance that led to the 1990 crisis.

Iraq may be accused of not adhering to or implementing all the U.N. Security Council resolutions. But that country is saying that it is, and three out of five permanent Security Council members think it has gone a long way down that road and they believe the sanctions imposed on Baghdad should b eased, if not totally lifted.

It should be clear to Kuwait, the Arab League and to all Arab states that Iraq's isolation and the punishment meted to the Iragi people as a result would neither solve the dispute between Iraq and Kuwait nor further the common causes of Arah countries and peoples.

In addition, it bas to be understood that Arab reconciliation should not and need not include all member states of the League, including Iraq, in one go. If the League still considers Iraq not to have met all U.N. conditions, then that country can be excluded for the time being. Reconciliation between the remaining states would certainly prompt Iraq to come to terms with whatever this absolute majority decides.

The Arab Nation, peoples, states and the League are all facing formidable challenges that certainly cannot wait for Iraq to get a "certificate of good conduct" from the U.S. and Britain. Even if a full Arab summit cannot be convened at the moment, at least bilateral meetings between the protagonists of the Gulf crisis should commence. Jordan, Yemen and Sudan, who were perceived to stand on the side of Iraq, bave been extending their hands to their fellow Arabs ever since. Kuwait and Saudi Arabia have so far shunned all reconciliation attempts for no good reason, we think.

It is about time that they did.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i said Wednesday that contrary to what the prime minister believes, the Saudi Arabian, Syrian, Egyptian summit, held lately in Alexandria, was directed against Jordan and its interests. Tareq Masarweh said that the discussions at the mini-summit never touched matters related to American hegemony in the region or the Israeli occupation of Arah lands. The mini-summit, which formed some kind of alliance, is designed to harm Jordan. exactly as four years ago these countries met to hatch plots against Iraq for its occupation of Kuwait and as it was directed against Yemen's unity, charged the writer. As an indication of the enmity towards Jordan, the writer cited tha: Casablanca Islamic summit meeting where it was Saudi Arabia and not Jordan that was thanked for caring for the holy places in Jerusalem though Rivadh had done nothing in that respect. Furthermore, the writer reminded the onme minister of a statement by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak who stressed at the Alexandria summit that Jordan's peace treaty with Israel has weakened the Syrian position. He said that Jordan is regarded as the weaker link within the Arab World, and it is this weakness that has been inviting Arah states to hlame the Kingdom for every political or military defeat dealt to the Arah World.

View from the Academia

Cultural orientation and study abroad

THERE IS no doubt that students from our part of the world (like students from other parts of the world) who spend some time pursuing their studies ahroad experience a culture shock upon their arrival. And this is quite normal. What is not normal, however, is the fact that, in the case of onr students in particular, there is very little (if any at all) prior orientation or preparation, a preparation or orientation which helps them to cope better and come to grips more effectively with the crucial cultural encounter they find themselves engaged in as they pursue their studies.

The number of students from the Arah World, including Jordan of course, who complete their studies in foreign

countries is substantial. Recently, it has somewhat de creased, due to the sharp rise in tuition costs and living expenses as well as the expansion and increase of home colleges and universities, both private and public. In Jordan, for example, the past four years alone have witnessed the birth of a dozen public and private universities. Undeniably, these have attracted significant numbers of students, even though in some of them the student population is way below what is expected. Still, thousands of our students leave annually, heading east and west, primarily in the direction of the U.S. and Europe. Not only does their number far outweigh that of their counterparts seeking educational opportunities in the Arab World (who are a handful in comparison) but the period of time they spend is significantly longer, on average four years.

This means that all those concerned (the students themselves, their parents, the educational institutions entrusted with facilitating and arranging students' admission and travel, etc.) ought to take the matter seriously, much more seriously than they do at present. Not only is the personal fate of these individuals at stake but also to very shape and quality of the outcome we, as an Arah World, hope to obtain - especially since, as a "developing" world, we can only afford to waste and lose little. The way the students deal with the cultures they find themselves in affects, positively or negatively, the way they conduct themselves in their studies. I firmly believe that those who cope better with the culture at large - i.e. understand it, adapt to it (though not necessarily adopt it), interact with it - do better in their studies and gain more.

More significantly, what we want our students to hring with them, upon their return, is not only a certificate in a certain discipline, information about a particular specialty or knowledge of a given field. No. What we wish them to get is a profound experience. It is not enough for our civil engineers to learn how to supervise the construction of highways, for example. Their job is also to master the cultural implications for highways and help integrate the highway as a concept in our society. To huild a busy

highway such as the Amman-Zarqa "autostrade" or the Istikial highway, and allow a hakery, a supermarket or a mosque to be erected at the very edge of it (and have hundreds of pedestrians cross it in the most reckless and ignorant manner) indicates to me (in part at least, for I know that there are other factors involved, factors beyond the control of individual engineers or engineering departments) a failure to grasp and properly adopt and adapt a certain scientific/cultural fact. The same can be said about computers, architecture, political science, administration, journalism, etc. All specialties, fields of study, and disciplines (and this is the point I wish to stress here) are firmly grounded in culture. An apt knowledge of culture is a must, and a thorough orientation of students who wish to pursue the study of various disciplines in foreign cultures about these foreign cultures is also a must.

Unfortunately, we are not doing well at this level. In fact, we are not doing well even at a lower level orienting our students about the specific fields they wish to specialise in and the colleges or universities they join. A friend of mine, who was sent a few years ago on a scholarship by a local university here to a university upstate New York to ohtain a Ph.D., did not know that that particular university was closer to Canada than to New York city (be told me he wanted to be close to New York city for particular reasons and thought he would be close) except when he arrived there; he also got the shock of his life when he discovered that the names of the two compatriots his home university gave him to contact (who were supposed to be students at the university he was joining) turned out to be in Chicago and not upstate New York. The anecdote illustrates two sad facts: a) that our students are not careful enough and independent to check even the simplest of facts on their own and h) that our institutions are not responsible enough and reliable enough to provide the simplest level of orientation and guidance. Cultural orientation is, of course, not at all easy. First,

where can one find enough experts on cultures to explain cultures amply to our students? Nay, are there "experts" on cultures in the first place? Second, there are many aspects of cultures which cannot be explained; they are too subtle and elusive to be comprehended theoretically. Thirdly, suppose one explains culture to others and others understand, is the problem entirely solved? Certainly not, for knowledge of something does not necessarily prevent mistakes and misunderstanding from happening. Besides, people usually like to see with their own eyes, practice and experience. This is all true.

Nevertheless, I believe that cultural orientation and preparation is important and possible. An awareness of something is better than an ignorance of it, under all

circumstances. And people can understand more than many think. Take hospitality, for example. In the Arab World, you bring the tea then the coffee to a guest who stops by and you insist on his or her helping them Otherwise, you are not bospitable. In the U.S. by contrast, people ask you if you want coffee or tea, and they do not insist on you helping yourself. This is not considered unhospitable. When they offer you the choice, they expect you to say yes or no and state what you prefer. This cultural explain the concept of private space and public space. It is quite normal in the streets of Jordan and the Arab World changed) for a person to hump into you (in fact it is nowadays not normal if it does not happen). In other parts of the world, you have to keep a good foot at least between of the world, you have to keep a good took at seast netween you and other people, even in the most crowded of places. This is also perfectly explamable.

the U.S. and he/she wants to tell you about something they do not like in your performance, they do not do it directly. First, they complement you on your effort and on some positive aspects of what you have done, then comes the "but" or "however." In our part of the world, this does not generally happen. When you complement you complement, and when you criticise you do it directly. There is no "but" and no "however." It is therefore easy for an Arab student to think the American adviser is comple him/her when he/she is in fact criticising him/her. What to do? First and foremost, we need to recognize the id their region.

problem here, for most of us do not. Our institutions are on the whole oblivious of it. Once this happens, it is easy to coordinate efforts to this effect. The initiative conductive in hadronic and coordinate efforts to this effect. The initiative ought to be salt sub-divided and it taken by our formal institutions. taken hy our formal institutions, especially our higher willing to compromise education institutions. In cooperation with alumni clabs, spain law. with educational exchange agencies, with foreign cultural missions and foreign nationals in the individual Arab missions and foreign nationals in the an interest and countries, and with individuals who have an interest and countries, and with individuals who have an interest and experience, some interesting orientation programmer can be prepared and formalised. We may even have to be integrating more comparative courses on world cultural our school and university syllabi. Above all, the people of the chose to initiate and supervise such programmes have no perfecularly sensitive and supervise such programmes have no perfect to the supervise such programmes and perfect to the supervise such programmes have no perfect to the supervise such programmes and perfect to the supervise such programmes have no perfect to the supervise such perfect to the be particularly sensitive and sympathetic to this matter otherwise they will do more harm than good. It is our duty to our students and our society at large

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Petra must be protected from uncontrolled development

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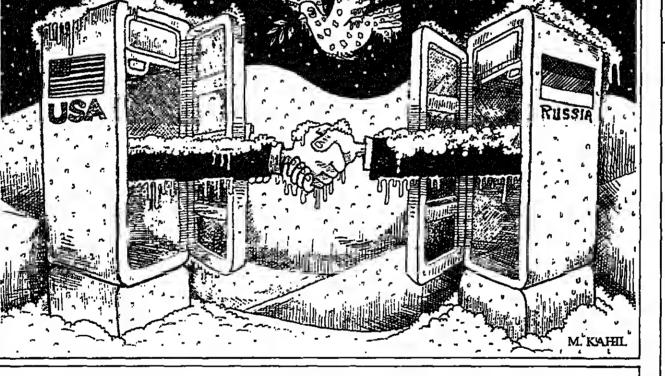
Petra is visited by nearly 1,000 people every day, yielding a source of income in foreign currency of not less than JD 15 million annually. It is an economic cornerstone within the tourist industry providing economic recovery for a geographical region on the edge of the desert.

The high numbers of daily tourists require efficient house-keeping team ready to carry out tasks. It is necessary to have facilities to provide meals and drinks in a clean, bygienic and acceptable manner. Such facilities should not be limited to kiosks meeting the minimal health requirements and serving limited kinds of food. In addition, public facilities such as bathrooms must be adequate to meet the needs of large numbers of both make and female tourists. These should be organised in a manner that promote comfort and cleanliness so s not to disappoint or cause undue discomfort to the visitors. A tourist should not feel the need to discontinue his/her trip hecause of the lack of

Mankind is responsible for Petra's preservation in is to keep its fascinating beauty. It is therefore legacy the international community must shoulder to preserve this site for posterity. As a UNESCO work heritage site it is essential to focus on this ancient city. Moreover, it is also vital to safeguard the entire Wadi Musa basin from uncontrolled development leading to disastrous environmental results.

> Mohammad Asfour, ICC Chairman, Int. Chamber of Commerce,

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Electioneering endangers implementation of Oslo accords credibility with Palestinians

By Michael Jansen Special to the Jordan Times

INSTEAD of taking a stand on the expansion of Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, Palestine Liheration Organisation (PLO) spokesmen said af-ter Thesday's meeting in Cairo with the Israeli negotiations team, that the PLO would not agree to further talks until Palestinian political prisoners were released. By adopting this line the PLO has let the Israelis off the settlement hook and shifted Palestinian popular attention to the emptional issue of prisoners who should have been released months ago. The PLO did this because this issue is much more easily resolved than that of set-tlement, which goes to the

very heart of the Palestinian-Israeli dispute. Spurred by Palestinian outrage over the expansion of Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, the team was obliged to raise the issue during discussions on implementation of the second stage of Palestinian self-rule. But it is clear that it did so with greatest :cluctance and only due to pressure from other memhers of the Palestinian National Authority and the public. Speaking before the Cairo meeting, which lasted only a few hours instead of several days as is the usual practice. Dr. Saeh Erekat, Palestinian minister of local affairs, said "a long list of violations" of the Oslo accord had been prepared

for presentation to the

Minister Shimon Peres. Teis iist, stated Dr. Erekat, was, in fact, so long that it would take "several hours" to examine - this clearly was act done at this meet-

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Although the Oslo accord, signed in September 1993, suppulated that discussion of settlements and other "permanent sta-tus issues" should begin "as soon as possible." the PLO permitted the Israelis to postpone these talks until the latest date set by the

This happened because Israel took advantage of the delay by stepping up the expropriation of Palestinian land, the expansion of existing settlements and the building of roads to serve these settlements, in violation of the Oslo accord. which both regards the occupied territories "as a single territorial unit. whose integrity will be preserved during the interim period and forbids either side from trying to "pre-

living under the occupation.

Although the Oslo accord, signed in September 1993, stipulated that discussion of settlements and other "permanent status issues" should begin "as soon as possible," the PLO permitted the Israelis to postpone these talks until the latest date set by the accord, "the beginning of the third year" of the self-rule regime, or May

accord. "the beginning of the third year" of the selfrule regime, or May 1996. Palestinian acceptance of that date has now achieved the force of an unwritten

"gentlemen's agreement."
The Palestimans agreed to this delay in order to accommodate the government of Yitzhak Rahin, fearful that his coalition could be brought down by popular opposition to early negotiations on the final status of lands Israel occupied in 1967. In so doing, the PLO sacrificed its own

judice or preempt" final status negotiations. The gentiemen's agreement, is in itself a violation of the Osio accord because it permits the Israelis to "prejudice and preempt" the final states negotiations.

The PLO did not come under extreme pressure to revoke the "gentlemen's agreement" with Mr. Rahin until popular Palestinian protest over the expansion of the Efrat settlement near Bethlehem focused attention on all settlement activity. Dr. Erekat, who on

Monday rejected Mr. Rabin's compromise of an offer of an alteroative settlement site to Efrat asserted, "Mr. Rabin cannot solve the problem hy diverting the hulldozers from one hilltop to another. And we really think that if this Israeli government decides to continue with the settlements... they are not giving the peace process a chance." He expected Palestinians in other parts of the West Bank to increase their protests against land confiscation.

Ziad Abu Zayyad, editor of the Palestinian Hehrew paper, "Gesher," spoke on behalf a majority of Palestinians when he told this cor-respondent. "We should not continue the negotiations while Israel continues to build settlements to create new facts, new realities to prevent further withdrawal" from the territories. "Our side has said what it wants, but Israel must be courageous enough to say what it wants - settlements or peace. It can't have both."

Another leading figure m East Jerusalem said that the two leadership, the Israeli and Palestinian, had lost credibility. "Both sides are playing the same game. Mr. Rabin is trying to convince the settlers he is on their side" by allowing their activities to go on. "While our side does not do its job properly and protests only for public relations purposes. Both sides are only thinking of the coming elec-

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Good management is essential to promote culture and arts

By Mohammad Mashariga

I was fortunate enough to participate in a workshop entitled "Management of Culture and Arts" organised in the past two weeks by the British Council Centre in Jerusalem.

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The participants were directors of theatres, galleries and arts centres in Palestine. However Egyptian intellectuals and artists myited to take part in the meetings have declined to attend although the discussions had nothing to do with politics.

I had hoped I would not be the only participant

from Jordan because the subjects on the agenda were actually of great importance and could benefit a large group of Jordanian artists and writers.

The workshop has indeed given me the opportunity to closely examine the Palestinian cultural and artistic situation under Israeli occupation and to inspect those political and cultural influences that have their impact on the cultural and economic life in

I came away from that workshop with the conviction that we in Jordan have to give due attention to the management of culture and arts since only through appropriate and efficient management can arts and culture be developed.

Artists ought to learn rules for not only planning art work but also marketing them and for the need to enhance artists contacts and links with the local communities with the purpose of creating a constant

audience of theatre-goers and gallery visitors.

I am now convinced of the importance of creating an umbrella for the artistic groups, designed to facilitate promoting artistic work, and marketing it and of the need to have a centre for documenting artistic work for the benefit of the new artists.

One of the lecturers advocated the cause of creating a department in Arab universities to train students in the management of cultural and artistic

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work, arguing that through this plan Arab states can give real boost to artistic work. The lecturer also underlined the need for an artist to sacrifice his creative work to specialise mainly in management of artwork.

To achieve this, he said, it was necessary to separate management of artwork from creativity and creative artistic work in order to pool the work of managers and artists, thus avoiding issues related to financial or marketing considerations.

The other aspect of the workshop concerned the future cultural relations between Israel and the Palestinians. That was indeed a hard topic because of

the religious and nationalistic considerations and ideologies which are still influencing the Arab mind.

But I am convinced now that without the emergence of a strong group inside Israel that really believes in and supports the peaceful coexistence between Arabs and Jews, it would be almost impossi-

ble to secure stability in the region. This is my personal conviction after attending the workshop which enhanced my idea and belief that artists and intellectuals on both sides can bridge the gap between the two peoples and can pave the way for peaceful co-existence.

Indeed, I beleive that the cycle of violence can never vanish without a full openness on the part of social and civic institutions in Israel and Palestine to one another. I have felt that there is real desire on the part of both sides to have security, peace, stability and progress in every domain, but that apprehension and fear for personal safety have to date prevented such objectives to be attained.

I can safely say that there can be no way for peace except through full normalisation and I believe that artists and intellectuals are the most eligible people to influence their respective sides and attain the aspired co-existence and stability.

An Israeli artist confided that he knows no Palestinian artist nor is he acquainted with Palestinian works of art although Arab artists could be living a 10-minute walk from his house. He said he feared for his life if he tried to approach the Arab artists. A Palestinian artist shared the same view and added that his movements between East and West. Jerusalem are restricted and he is always subject to

inspection by the troops.

I have noticed through this workshop that intellectuals from Palestine are separated culturally from those on the east bank of Jordan because of political considerations. Therefore there is a general feeling on the West Bank that unity between the Palestinians and the Jordanians is farfetched and a mere wishful

Novelist Yahya Yakhlef told me the time has come for Jordanian intellectuals, artists and writers to express full solidarity with the Palestinian brothers. Yakhlef, who serves as assistant minister of culture in the self-rule areas of Palestine, said that there was need for bolstering joint cultural and artistic work and also for building personal relationships.

In conclusion, I can say that peace and stability require bard, intensive and relentless work and perseverance on the part of both the Arabs and Israelis and require a great deal of courage on both sides, so that they can advance towards a better future for the coming generations.

SOCIETY ON THE MOVE

Chechenya under the dome: aim is to liquidate 'fiery' team?

Insisting that Jordan should take more practical steps to show solidarity with the Muslim people of Chechenya, Islamic Action Front Deputy Abdul Munem Abu Zant (Amman) in yesterday's Lower House session proposed that the assembly form a special committee to deal with the problem in that part of the world. Sheikh Abu Zant's proposal led to a somewhat heated debate about the Kingdom's position on the conflict in the Caucasus republic.
Other proposals came to counter his in the heat of the debate which saw Deputy Toujan Faisal (Amman) launch a strong attack on the government. The House eventually voted down Sheikh Abu Zant's proposal and adopted another one to refer the issue proposal and adopted another one to refer the issue to the Foreign Affairs Committee. But lawmakers did not take a vote on the only proposal that made the deputies laugh from their hearts. It was a motion by Deputy Mohammad Dawoudiyeh (Tafileh) to send a fact-finding mission consisting of deputies Abu Zant, Faisal (who is Circassian) and Abdul Baqi Jammoh (Chechen from Zarqa) to the besieged Chechen capital, Grozny. Why did the House not take a vote on Mr. Dawoudiyeh's proposal? Because, in the words of Deputy Bassam Haddadin (Zarqa). in the words of Deputy Bassam Haddadin (Zarqa), the mission he proposed was more of an attempt at "liquidating" the fiery team than a fact-finding tour.

OF TABLOIDS AND SCOOPS: Many journalists go to extreme lengths to scoop their competitors, as the case is all over the world. Not many, however, will go as far as the Al Bilad weekly as a recent report by it shows. In a recent edition, Al Bilad carried a detailed account of a meeting it said brought together HRH Crown Prince Hassan with representatives of the Islamic movement in the Kingdom. The paper gave details of what was said in the meeting as well as its mood. As it turned out, the story was not only inaccurate, but also totally untrue. Why, because the meeting had not taken place when the weekly tabloid printed its report. Al Bilad apparently acted on a tip that the Crown Prince was going to meet with Islamists. So when the expected date of the meeting passed and no news about it reached the press, Al Bilad must have assumed that nobody wanted to talk about it. The choice, it seems, was between giving up on a big scoop or acting on an editor's hunch that the meeting took place. Obviously the paper opted for the latter and wrote the report based on its expectations of what could have been said during it. Some professional journalism for you. Our advice is: See the Jordan Times' front page for real coverage of events from now on.

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NEW YEAR? HOW AND WHERE?: As 1994 was wrapping up, the big question (other than what was going to happen with the Cabinet) was where to spend New Year's eve. There were invitations to private parties (even one with a "cowboys and indians" theme and the annual "come as you are, come anytime," bashes hosted by others). But by Al Aswaq Arabic daily's estimate in its Monday edition, more people opted for private gatherings at home or at public facilities. Thus, Al Aswaq concluded, there were probably fewer "incidents and problems" owing to "harassment and overdrinking" at the hospitality and eatery establishments than in previous years. But most sales managers and restauranteurs the newspaper spoke to said their counts for that night were excellent, and apart from the usual few "incidents" and some gatecrashers, the evening-til-dawn celebrations went rather smoothly. Some hoteliers even admitted to running their own short reconnaissance missions to see how their competitors were doing.

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* * * MARRIOTT HOTEL officials could not be more pleased, according to Business Travel Sales Manager Ibrahim Salman. First the hotel's ballroom was booked as it usually is for the American University of Beirut (AUB) annual end of the year affair. Also in its Sports Bar another group hosted a private party. The hotel's Al Mansaf and Al Walima restaurants saved dinner to 120 and 60 people respectively. And New Year's Day breakfast, "the most popular in town" says Salman, was served from about sunrise to 7:00 a.m. to 700 people. The night went off without a hitch, Salman maintains.

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THE REGENCY PALACE, a few blocks away, Sales Manager Ghaleb Sawalha said the evening at the hotel's rooftop nightclub was a great success, complete with a band, a singer and a dancer.

THE PHILADELPHIA HOTEL was bursting at the seams with New Year festivities, according to its Sales Manager Nader Amr. With six parties (two of them private) the staff at the hotel, which is "known for having some of the best parties in town," had their hands full. The Royal Ballroom seated 1,100 guests who came to dine and hear Egyptian singer Mustafa Qamar. At the Philadelphia Bal-Iroom, Iraqi singer Mahmoud Anwar entertained 400 revelers. And a confirmed 250 (but an estimated show of about 300) "yuppies" and Royal Jordanian flight attendants crowded the Coffee Shop to stomp to the popular rock of the Dead Sea Fishing Club., Fifty staff members of the U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) filled a room for their own celebration. And 250 members and friends of the Children's International Summer Villages Society attended the new organisation's year-end affair. By about 11:00 p.m., local singers Adel Al Haj and Suhair Odeh, who had organised a party of 100, made their way, accompanied by their group, into the other parties. Most of the celebration and at 2:00 p.m. but the Bould Religious tions ended at 3:00 a.m., but the Royal Ballroom crowd carried on till 5:00 a.m.

EATERIES ON THE RUN: Restaurants too, were said to have done well. One half of the seating at LACOQUETTE was reserved for a party of 27 made up of an eclectic group of young professionals. The other half filled up with smaller groups for dinner and live musical entertainment. At TURI-NO "Flat-Otel" waiters were busy attending to three "packed" parties in the establishment's Vis-a-Vis Disco Restaurant, Turino Restaurant and Cheers Café. According to restaurant Manager Amar Sheikhan, the revelers danced to the music of Tigers Band and singer Amer Khufash and only started for home about 4:00 a.m. The gala "masquerade" dinner at ROZENA Restaurant was the creation of Manager Ernest Liniger. His guests on New Year's Eve were an "elegant" mix of small groups and five tables-for-two, who dined on a five-course gourmet menu including lobster thermidor and filet wellington. Dancing to the selections of a "class act. Rozena guests went home happy by 2:00 a.m., said Liniger. And for those who stayed up till dawn and beyond, popular pizza parlour MILANO was serv-

* * * CALCULATIONS BLURRED BY ...: Al Aswaq gave no headcount figures to support its claims that low turn-outs at the year-end affairs were attributable to "a rise in charges and a drop in the quality of food and service." We wonder who in the industry they spoke to. Judging from the figures the J.T. obtained, and the sober comments of hotel and restaurant patrons, a good time was had by all. The hospitality industry thus takes their successful evening as a sign of things to come in '95.

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THE COMMON 'Z' DENOMINATOR: If the entertainment industry could only follow suit, and equitably determine what its andience would like to see and hear, many more sectors would look to a bright mid-decade.

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Right about the end of the year, when many of us were deciding on, or at least thinking about, New Year's resolutions, we received a letter to the editor which was directed to the attention of "Jordan Television-Channel 2." We thought the message of its author, Al Ghazerian, might be a timely catalyst for programme directors and producers at Jordan Radio and Television Corporation to take the oppor-tunity of the unfolding of 1995, "bite the bullet" and really make headway in the country's broadcast arena. Ghazerian, proud and seemingly quite progressive father of two girls, was most disturbed, as you will read, about the cancelling of popular DJ Muhan-nad Al Jazireh's Tuesday TV special "Da Beat's On." Here is how Ghazerian saw it: "This letter will be short and to the point. You have proven to be unprofessional in your decision-making. Is it a habit destroying talent once you have it? This seems to be the case with Da Beat's On. You can not deny the fact that this show was so popular that it's following made waves not only in Jordan but across the borders

to Israel and the Gulf. Everybody talked about it. Many people loved it, especially school kids and the new generation (Generation X). You can ask my daughters. What justification do you have for can-celling it. Could it be because of some dirty foul play within your TV station, or maybe someone from outside did not like the presenter. Well, everything is possible in this small town. Though rumour has it that someone at JTV cancelled it for personal reasons, another says that someone else in JTV bas a grudge against Mr. Al Jazireh. As I said, this is a small town. News travels like a bullet. Let the record show that Muhannad Al Jazireh is Jordan's top radio DJ and probably one of the best to have ever come to the tube and radio. Unfortunately, Jordan TV is a classic case of sadism. Once people like something cancel it. Let's torture them guys. After all, we have nothing else to do. Questions: Why does Jordan TV cancel popular shows? Answer: Because people like them. Just a thought for your (professional) decision

According to JTV sources, the show, which went on the air in October 1993, was cancelled last May after the station received a faxed copy of an article in Al Sabeel, which is the Muslim Brotherhood's official gazette, objecting to the content of some of the songs featured in the programme. A follow-up phone call to the producers complaining that the programme was "too loose," turned out to be the



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show's death sentence. What a story to believe? If there is more to it, we promise to let you know.

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A wireless world

By Jean-Claude Elias

Let's face it. Cables are ugly. If your personal computer (PC) has a standard configuration that would include a monitor, a keyboard, a printer, a sound card, a fax/modem card and naturally a mouse, you're already looking at approximately 12 cables, un-aesthetically tangled behind your desk. If your setup includes additional hardware like a scanner, a removable data storage device, a joystick and a MIDI (Music Instrument Digital Interface), the number of cables can easily reach 20 or 30.

Most external units require two cables to operate, the power cable that supplies the electric current and the data cable that channels the flow of information to and from the computer.

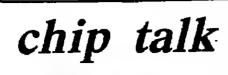
to and from the computer. The mouse and the keyboard need only one cable that fulfills both functions. Other devices use several wires - the sound card for instance has 3 plugs: one for the microphone, one for line output and one for line

untangle the web, maybe by separating the wires in functional groups, power cables on one side and data cables on the other, keeping them together with special fasteners, the back of your desk may appear less painful to look at. Still, every PC user wishes one day that one or two cables are enough to do all the

Wireless communications have existed for decades now, the most universally known and widespread ones being the radio and TV. In the last 20 or 15 years, the number of wireless devices, whether for professional or consumer use, on a small or a wide scale, has gone mushrooming. TV and hi-fi remote controls, wireless home phones, cellular phones, pagers, satellite communications, wireless microphones and headphones, walkie-talkies, ... the list

A distinction should be made between the devices that use temporary, or "spot" transmission - most remote controls - and those that need to be transmitting continuously - satellites, TV, and others. Notwithstanding technical details, all systems work on a certain frequency of the available electromagnetic waves spectrum, on which they transmit and receive. The most advanced ones - the cellular phones - function on an assigned, optimised frequency that may automatically change, in order to free the band for other users, based on 'time and place' criteria. The result, in any case, is over-

ners started to think of cableless systems. However,





the speed at which computer data is shuttled, its volume and the required level of accuracy all make such devices rather expensive, when compared to the price of regular items. There is no room here for a compromise. By comparison, an amateur, FM (Frequency Modulation) wireless microphone system can be purchased for as little as 20 JD. A professional unit on the other hand can cost as much as 1,200 JD. In the computer field, only high quality equipment could be used. Alas it would be too expensive for the time being. It may cost as much as the PC itself.

Cordless mice and keyboards are available. They work in the infra-red range of the waves spectrum. Though reasonably priced, they have not become particularly popular yet. Other products are appearing all the time: wireless speakers for the sound cards, wireless network connections and wireless MIDI interfaces. Although clearly annoyed by messy cables, users seem to trust them more than expensive, esoteric cordless systems. Reliability is sought before anything else. Cables also make maintenance

PC users seem reluctant to increase the traffic on the already congested air waves. Even though there are clear international conventions on sharing the air waves, mainly by assigning parts of the spectrum (HF, VHF, UHF, etc ...) for different purposes (TV, radio, telephones, police, ...) and limiting the allowed transmission power (therefore distances), computer users do not find it necessary to enter this complex system. Except in the case of LANs (Local Area Networks) where the benefits would be obvious, personal computing, for the time being at least, will be just fine with all these "spaghetti" cabling around.

Manufacturers could however alleviate the pain in a simple way, without the need for wireless devices, by integrating more and more options inside the main PC cabinet. For these components, no external wires would be necessary. Such a solution would be both elegant and mexpensive. The most striking example is Apple's new screens with huilt-in stereo speakers. An example to follow.

3. How much does a cricket ball weigh?

other, what are they called?

4. If two figures coincide when placed one upon the

YOUR DREAMS INTERPRETED

AWARD: You'll be lucky if you dreamed of receiving or giving an award of any kind. Prosperity

MEDAL: Wearing medals predicts recognition for work well done; observing medals on

your vanity and/or your jealousy.

BADGE: Whatever kind of security concerns you most, whether job, social or financial, will

anyone else wearing a badge.

(A) LOVEMATCH

1. Antony and.....

b- Cleopatra

c- Calpurnia

2. Napoleon and.....

d- Josephine

a- Marie Antoinette

b- Emma Hamilton

c- Madame Pompadou

3. Richard Burton and

a- Marilyu Monroe

b- Elizabeth Ashley

c- Carole Lombard

d- Elizabeth Taylor

a- Emily Dickinson

b- Elizabeth Barrett

d- Christina Rossetti

Can you scribe a second, smaller

circle inside this figure so that each

of the three dots is isolated in its

c- Emily Bronte

(B) CIRCLE LINE

own compartment?

4. Robert Browning and.....

d- Cecelia

a- Lucrezia Borgia

PUZZLES

Match up the famous lovers from the lists below:

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others or in a display is a warning to control

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be yours if you dreamed of yourself or

is just round the corner.

Leaving behind the culturally insignificant

By Samer Ghaleb Bagaeen

Reflection is a pointless and misery-inducing option that only makes you aware of how quickly the years are passing. But these days seem to be the only time that one has to reflect on the fact that everyone is, in a way, a year older; a year has gone and another has

just come up.

And in adulthood, although dreams of the just and perfect can remain as strong as they were in adolescence, there is also generated the capacity to explore and care about specific new things or situations not part of that ideal vision. This is the freedom of adulthood: the capacity to absorb new and perhaps painful meanings, the willingness to get involved in situations one cannot securely control.

While a community is a particular kind of social group in which men and women believe that they share something together, and while affluence has given our community new tools to define itself, the affinent society of the last few years has shown that the received notion of community - the pleasure in recognising "us" and "who we are" - have become a way for people to hide from each other. The products of this hiding have been slavery and indifference.

In place of the communal bonds people have

experienced, a different adult society has taken form. Care between individuals now exists only to the extent that mutual curiosity and specific bonds are developing. There can be no expectation of human love, no community of affection, warm and comforting, laid down for the society as a whole. Human bonds are fragmented and imited to specific and individual encounters. Only a truly chaotic and modern urban life can challenge the slavery patterns of adolescence so that large numbers of young people have the opportunity for growth now accorded only

But the "modern" is not something we must indiscriminately consume: it is not a unitary concept. It is not something which one can be for or against. It is neither a threat or a poison because it is not one thing. It is many things, good and bad. It pushes us in two quite distinct directions-towards characterless trash and towards something better, freer, funnier and faster. One thing, however, the modern always does is offer us more. There are always new things to buy or to use. Technology and wealth will, in the absence of global catastrophe, continue to grow. The trick is to deal with this tide by being rich adsmart, to know the difference between sushi and hamburger, between class and trash. Maybe we can begin to learn this trick in 1995.

JTV CHANNEL 2 WEEKLY PREVIEW

7:30 N.B.A.

8:30 Road To Avonies

Sara and Aunt Olivia team up while trying to regain the lost treasure to its rightful owner.

9:10 The Hat Squad

Raffi and the rest of the Hat Squad go in pursuit of a gang that specialises in armoured car heists.

10:00 News In English

10:20 Feature Film - Skylark

Starring: Glenn Glose & Christopher Walken

The film tells the unique story of a mail-order bride from Maine who finds a challenging new life on the Kansas prairie.

11:10 The Exile

An attempt to nail down an underworld businessman after being charged with blackmail and murder.

Friday, Jan. 6

7:30 Hollywood Stuatmakers

8:30 African Skies

While considering to donate the tobacco farm to the government, Sam is met with anger from the villagers nearby as the closing of the farm would mean unemployment for many of the locals.

8:30 You Bet Your Life

9:00 P.M. Magazine

9:30 Heart Of Courage

10:00 News In English

10:20 Blanche

Drawn by the bonds of kinship, Blanche sets out for the rugged region of Abitibi to find the father she knows so little about and who has chosen to live in

11:10 Never The Twain

Saturday, Jan. 7

7:30 Harry And the Hendersons

8:00 Innovation

Challenges of living under water and a focus on mineral resources buried in the depths of oceans and

9:10 Murder She Wrote

8:30 Quantum Leap

A fire breaks out in the house of a renowned pianist whose wife is later murdered by a gunshot.

10:00 News In English

10:20 Frauds

Starring: Phil Collins & Hugo Weaving

On the roll of a stained ivory dice, the fate of a guilty young couple who took a chance on the lure of early insurance money, will be decided.

11:16 Major Dad

A gorgeous and playful newcomer creates chaos inside the headquarters as she puts a spell on the

7:30 Galactica

8:15 The Albam Show 9:00 Hidden Room

9:30 Heartbeat

10:00 News In English

10:20 One Woman's Courage

Starring: Patty Duke & James Farentino

The life of an old woman turns to a nightmare as she becomes the only eye withers to a murder in which a black lady gets killed in the middle of the mad.

12:00 The Upper Hand

A celebration turns to a tragic scene after a patient is taken to the hospital.

Monday, Jan. 9

7:30 Black Beauty

8:30 Street Hawk

A girl gets kidnapped after her father refuses to respond to blackmail.

9:10 Shades Of L.A.

10:00 News In English

10:20 Flight Into Hell

Tuesday, Jan. 10

7:30 Practical Guide To The Universe

8:00 The Detectives

Two detectives are assigned on a mission to guard a monk who is an important murder witness.

8:30 The Law And Harry McGraw

9:10 Equinox

10:00 News In English

10:20 Wild Palms

Set sometime in the near future in Los Angeles, Wild Palms is a mind-bending mixture of horrifying drama, deadpan realism and hallucinatory soap

11:10 Piglet Files

There's a case of mistaken identity when a Russian hitman looking for Patrick Clapton is handed a photograph of Peter Chapman, who finds himself a bunted man.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

7:30 Home Improvement

Tim helps his wife in the house work while she prepares to delivering a speech before a big audi-

8:00 Life In The Freezer

8:30 Quantum Leap

9:10 Law And Order.

10:00 News In English

16:20 Snowy River

Matt is in Melbourne to fight a land act that is putting all the small farm holders out of business.

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ONTHE LIGHTER SIDE

By Mohammad A. Shuqair

* A bachelor for life rather than a widower for a топи. TRANSLITERATION: Azzab dahr wala armai

ARABIC PROVERBS EXPLAINED

MEANING: A bachelor's life is much more comfortable if compared to a widower's, particularly after the loss of his wife.

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TRANSLITERATION: It'taqi sharra man ahsanta

MEANING: Beware of a man who ignores a favour you already did for him.

"Care killed a cat." TRANSLITERATION: Kathratul hamm toqassir MEANING: Care shortens life and the avoidance

of forgetting them is much better. ***

☆ "Don't teach your grandmother to suck eggs." TRANSLITERATION: Akhbar minnak be-youm

aaraf minnak be-sana. MEANING: It is advisable for young people not to worry themselves by giving advice to those who are older than them as they have much more experience in matters of life.

* * * * * * LET'S CHAT IN ARABIC

Innahu mutakaddir

Innahu rajol taafeh.

Innahu gash'shaash.

Innahu qalilul fahm.

Innaho nammam.

innahu sadeequna.

Innahu kethirul kelam.

He's out of tune. He's all the talk: He's a man of straw.

--- He's no stranger to us. — He's a snake in the grass. - He's a slow coach. He's slow of apprehension. - He's a back-biter.

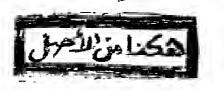
 He's jealous and envious. Innahu gayoor wa-hasood. He's showing off.
He sees double. Innahu mutakabbir. Innahu sakran. - He's at the point of death.

Innahu ala shafa hofraten minal mawt. Ionahu muh'tal. - He's a deep file. Innahu ab'lah. - He's a natural fool. Innahu qassirul qama. - He's of low stature.

- He commits gross mistakes. Innahu yartakib akhtaa fashisha. innahu rajoi bakbeel. — He's a miserly man.

BANK OF KNOWLEDGE

i. How long will grape vines produce? 2. What is a nom de plume?



New York restaurant rules put the squeeze on smokers

By Frederic Bichon Agence France Presse

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NEW YORK - The walls are closing in on smokers in New York after the city council approved new rules drastically limiting the number of restaurants where diners can light up. Critics of the antismoking measures are

fuming.
"Where will it stop?" said Frederick Lesori, a non-smoking French national and owner of

three trendy New York restaurants.

"The next step is prohibition, followed by being forced to offer only low-calorie menus to discourage obesity," he said of the new rules, which effectively ban smoking in all restaurants that seat more than 35 customers. "It's a Communist men-

tality," he said. Barring an unforeseen twist of fate, the strict new regulations will become law next month with the assent of New York Mayor Rudolph Guiliani, who has on several occasions called publicly for stiff anti-smoking measures for the city.

But restaurant and hotel owners, whose liveli-hood depends largely on the tourism industry, have warned the new measures will undermine the city's economy and will be difficult if not impossible to

The rules are "a blow to the city's tradition of hospitality," according to a statement released by the United Restaurant, Hotel and Tavern Association, a group set up to fight tough anti-smoking legisla-

The group said the measures would lead to the elimination of 11,000 jobs in New York's hotel and restaurant sector and would cost the city's tourist industry \$500 million in lost revenue in the short

The rules, critics say, would also turn restaurant owners into policemen. "There's no question of me becoming a cop," Mr.

Lesort said. Des O'Brien, owner of Langan's restaurant in the threatre district, echoed the sentiment.

"So many of my cus-

tomers will have no knowledge of the legislation and no understanding of it either," Mr. O'Brien said.

"I will have to tell them what they are doing is fine of up to \$200.

illegal and if they smoke they are no longer welcome in my establishment. Is this the message that the city of New York really wants to send out to

Apparently so, based on Health Department instructions for enforcing the rules: the owner of any restaurant seating more than 35 customers who fails to enforce the regulations will face a first-time

bled with each subsequent be back." violation.

Several of the city's most well-known restaurants, including Lutece, Sardi's and the Four Seasons, support the anti-tobacco drive and even restaurant owners such as Mr. Lesort seem resigned to a tighter clampdown on smoking.

"Customers might, at the beginning, go to the smaller restaurants where they can still smoke," Mr.

That sum will be dou- Lesort said. "But they'll

Philip Morris, the world's largest producer of cigarettes which earlier threatened to move its 2,000-employee office out of New York if the new rules were approved, has since opted for a low pro-

"We're very disappointed." a spokesman for the company said, offering no further com-

Book on Italian communication catalogues what words can't describe

By Brian Murphy The Associated Press

ROME - A recipe for trouble in Italy: Make a fist, extend index finger and pinkie, thrust forward and up. A snarl is option-

The gesture — an insult suggesting an unfaithful wife — is part of the array of hand jabs, facial tics and arm movement that add significance and sentiment to nearly every con-stretching from early 19th

versation among Italians.

"There are gestures for everything from making love to making dinner. The hands can often say things better than words," said Milan design artist Bruno Munari, who compiled a book illustrating some of the most popular Italian gestures.

Munari's Dictionary Of Italian Gestures contains dozens of examples

century Naples to modern signals for a cellular telephone call.

Squeezing your chin be-tween thumb and index finger signifies cuteness. Pulling down slightly on the skin under the right eye with an index finger shows an agreement has been reached. Consider something foolish? Place hands together as if in prayer then lower the pinkies.

Technology added new gestures. The first telephone gesture was a rotating finger, simulating dialing. It was replaced by a push-button movement. Now, with cellular phones widely popular in Italy, the latest phone gesture is a palm pressed to an

"You need to keep up," said Munari.

The idea for the book came when Munari, 87,

was on vacation and joking with a friend about the scope of Italian gestures. A list was started. The vulgar signs were eliminated as well as ones that could be considered offensive, such as a flick of the earlobe to signify homosexuality.

"We were left with the main gestures that have the widest use. You'd need many books to include all the gestures particular to a region or popular among young people," said Munari, who has written several books on industrial de-

conducted in silence. "What do you want?" (fingertips pinched

together).

With gestures, entire conversations could be rock side to side.)

"I'm hungry," (a cut-ting motion of the hand above the top of the sto-

"And something to drink?" (thumb tipped down toward mouth.)

"No, everything fine. By the way, it was deli-cious," (shake hand with palm down, then stick index finger in cheek and

Some gestures are obvious in their intent. A threat is a thumb slashing across the neck. I'm angry: curl your index finger and bite down.

Others need translation. Rubbing two index fingers together represents an affair or secret meeting. Tapping your forehead with your fingers means something is too strange to believe.

"A foreigner can come to Italy and learn the language perfectly, but without knowing the gestures you are not really fluent." said Munari. "A lot can be said with no words at all."

A woman who broke the silence

Memoirs From The Women's Prison

By Nawal El Saadawi Translated from the Arabic by Marilyn Booth University of California Press 204pp. \$35; paperback \$12.

The innocence Of The Devil By Nawai Ei Saadawi Translated from the Arabic by Sherif Hitata University of California Press 233pp. \$20.

NAWAL El Saadawi, a physician, political and literary inconociast and one of the most widely translated contemporary Egyptian writers, was an out-spoken feminist thinker long before women's rights was considered a legitimate item on the

international human rights agenda.

In these two very different books --- one a prison memoir and the other a post-modernist novel of near-poetic density, Saadawi places herself squarely within a tradition of outspoken women who have dared to question the religious as well as the secular foundations of patriarchal authority. In her prison account - the author was jailed along with numerous other Egyptian intellectuals during Anwar Sadat's regime - Saadawi observes that from earliest childhood she never hesitated to engage in disputations with God - "and God had to convince me of what he was saying."

Although she now spends most of her time teaching at American and European universities, in her own land Saadawi is a complicated and controversial figure whose political views have managed to outrage both Islamic fundamentalists and supporters of peace with Israel. Her politics - particularly her opposition to the 1979 Camp David peace treaty between-Egypt and Israel — were probably responsi-ble for her imprisonment. (She was released after



Nawal El Saadawi

Sadat's assassination in 1981). Born in 1931, Saadawi graduated from the University of Cairo Faculty of Medicine in 1955.

Throughout her adult life, she has managed to combine her life as a prolifie writer with a career in public health.

Saadawi is most widely known in the West for The Hidden Face of Eve (1982), a nonfiction work on women in Arab cultures. However, her reputation in the Arab World is based equally on her political essays. literary criticism and fictional works.

Readers who wish to acquaint themselves with Saadawi's literary artistry should skip Memoirs From The Women's Prison and turn directly to her novel. Saadawi's incarceration was too brief -- she was released after eight weeks — to yield any original insights into the plight of political prisoners.

Moreover, many Western liberals (including feminists) will be put off by some of the political views Saadawi puts forth in her memoir. In a 1994 postscrips, for instance, she suggests that "human rights" has become a slogan for the powerful to use against the weak. "How many nations are there," she asks, "where human rights are violated without anyone revealing these transgressions — certainly they do not appear in international reports — simply because the head of state or the monarch is an

obedient follower of the world's great powers?" During the past decade breaches of human rights by dictatorships of the left, right and centre have indeed appeared regularly in current international reports.

If the author were jailed today, news of her fate would be transmitted instantly by the same organisations that hepled publicise the plight of Taslima Nasreen, a Bangladeshi feminist who recently fled to Sweden because her "blasphemous" activities had

endangered her life in her own country. But these questions should not and do not impeach the power of the artist whose virtuosity is displayed in her novel The Innocence Of The Devil. Set in a mental institution, the novel combines a portrait of women in a patriarchal society with an allegory that

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amounts to a heretical argument with God. God and Satan (in earthly incarnations, of course) are both patients.

The narrative moves between reality and fantasy, past and present, and traces intricate relationships among the male beings, the institution's head nurse and two women patients. One of the patients, Ganat (in Arabie, the plural of paradise), had known the nurse. Narguiss, in an intense youthful friendship.

Each of the women — and the devil — has been victimised by a society in which theological and civil authority form a unified patriarchy. Although the institutionalised devil is a man, it is crucial to understand that Islam, like Christianity and Judaism, has a long tradition (rejected by liberal theologians) linking Satan with the weak and impure female body.

The head nurse, Narguiss, who has tried to bury her memories by serving the system, recalls an old argument between her parents. Her father insists that God forgave only Adam. — not Eve — for their disobedience. The deity uses plural pronouns when he speaks of original sin but shifts to the singular form in absolving Adam. .

"God had a deep knowledge of language and its rules," Narguiss remembers. "He would never use the singular or the dual except in the right context... (Guilt grew under her ribs like a swelling in her flesh. She had to live this sur. No atonement could be made, no words of forgiveness could come from God."

One great virtue of this novel is that American readers will be forced to refer to passages on the Creation and Fall from Christian and Jewish Bibles as well as the Koran, Sa adawi's discourse with God rests on her own mastery of sacred texts, so it is hardly surprising — indee d, it is an author's preroga-tive — that God neve: gets the better of the argument — The Washington Post.

Susan Jacoby

Syria's Peasantry in Retrospect

BOOK REVIEWS

Fragments Of Memory: A Story of A Syrian Family By Hanna Mina

180 pages, \$9.95, published by the Centre for Middle East Studies of the University of Texas at Austin, 1993

To many people, the name Syria evokes images of ancient walled cities, colourful markets and renowned restaurants, as found in Damascus or Aleppo. Such is the Syria depicted in, inter alia, Rafiq Schami's Damascus Nights. Following the tradition of the hakawati (storyteller), Schami spins an amusing and fanciful tale about Syrian life in the 30s indeed, a modern Oriental fairy tale.

Hanna Mina's Fragments of Memory is set in roughly the same time period, but would seem to recall another country and people altogether. In this autobiographical novel, Mina tells the story of the impoverished rural population in the North of the country during the French Mandate. Far from being a fairy tale, Fragments of Memory employs a realistic style to describe the harsh physical, social and economic conditions under which they lived.

Yet, Fragments of Memory is not the typical social realistic novel with sweeping descriptions of the political and social events of the day. Rather, historical events are encountered as they filter through a set of multiple lenses. The first lens is memory which Mina describes as "the eye of the fish under water in a storm" (p. 143). The second lens is the perspective of the young son of the family presumably Mina himself as a boy - who tells the story. The third lens is the mother of the family.

In one of the few passages where Mina writes directly as the author speaking in retrospect. He reveal something of how and why he wrote the book. The past has always found a lively reception in see it matures in my being, is clarified and becomes translucent as drops of clear water... Seldom de I draw my subject matter from any source other than these drops; from that thing that has fermented been refined and become alcohol liable to ignite and blaze up within me when touched off by the match stick of recall" (p. 3).

These are two of the many instances where Mina evokes the imagery of water and the sea which characterises much of his other writing. In Fragments of Memory, this imagery stands in sharp contrast to the barren environment in which his protagonists live. However, it highlights an important fact in the history of the family whose story is told: They, like Mina himself, are originally from the coastal city, Latakia. It is poverty that has forced them to wander inland in search of a living.

Midway into the novel, there is mention of popular revolts erupting in the areas of Damascus, Aleppo, Latakia and other places. But mainly, events are related by the young boy as he experiences them. In spatial terms, this is an extremely narrow lens for viewing the world, for he seldom leaves the immediate vicinity of the hut and fields where his sharecropper family live and work. For him, the best part of life is cuddling up to his mother and listening to the stories she tells to keep fear, hunger and misery at

The boy's ideas of the outside world are gleaned life from this illiterate woman who has experienced life via the seasons, migrations and twists of fate that impacted on her family. The lens provided by her understanding of reality is both extremely limited and broad. Poverty and social traditions preclude her from education or even going shopping on her own.

Overall, the family's situation seems to preclude their taking any initiative to improve their lives. Everything is determined by the power relations of the semi-feudal system where sharecroppers render three-fourths of their crop to the landowner. This makes them virtual slaves who cannot leave the estate until paying the debt will never be able to pay; who perpetually live on the brink of starvation; and who are forced to hand over their wives or daughters as domestic servants, or worse, in the homes of the

At the same time, the lens of the mother's experience is broad, for the family actually lives the sweeping historical events of the times. The parents grew up as famine struck Greater Syria during world

War I, when Britain and France blockaded the coast in line with their military strategy. The mother and father experienced this as Safar Baar (a journey by land), as thousands of coastal city residents migrated inland in search of food.

The children of the family grow up as the next big catastrophe hits: Syria's raw silk industry collapses when cheaper synthetic silk floods the market. The family is successful in raising silkworms, but when they go to sell the precious cocoons, the landowner refuses to buy them. In a bitter irony, the fate of this family living in a primative, isolated, rural environment is entirely dependent on the whims of the world

The end of the novel bears direct witness to the

sparks of the exciting historical events of the times, as peasants first pilfer from and then burn the mukhtar's grain storage to alleviate and protest their impending starvation. Fragments of Memory presages the peasant revolts that formed the backbone of Syria's national independence struggle. The conclusion of the book is as much an irrtroduction to a new story of modern Syrian history. and one wishes the author to continue. Hanna Mina has, of course, written "the rest of the story" elsewhere in Arabic. Hopefully. this is not the last of his works to be translated for the English readership.

Sally Bland

Career of distinction

iraqi Statesman: A Portrait Of Momammad Fadhel Jamali

By Harry J. Almond Grosvenor Books, London 1993, £11.95

I have known Dr. Jamali for almost half a century. But until the appearance of this book I was unaware of his interest in the movement known as Moral Rearmament and his friendship with Dr. Buchman. This is the somewhat unusual route by which Almond reached his decision to undertake a study of the former Iraqi minister whose career had been largely conducted on the international stage, beginning with the San Francisco conference in 1945 and continuing through many sessions of United Nations' organs and the Afro-Asian conference at Bandung in 1955,

where he was one of the leading anti-Communists. His career had started in the Ministry of Education, but he was transferred to foreign affairs by Nuri Al-Said in 1943. The background to this transfer seems to have involved suspicions, probably false, that he had pro-German sympathies, and pressure from the British embassy that he should consequently be removed from a position of influence on Iraqi youth. This does not explain the choice of the Foreign Ministry, which may have had some connection with the custom of including one or two Shiite ministers in the predon inantly Sunni governments of the time. The general preference given to members of the Sunni community resulted in a small number of Shiites acquiring an exceptionally privileged position. Jamali was foreign nainister five times and prime minister for seven months.

After the revolution of 1958 he was sentenced to death, but he was eventually released after three years' imprisonment. The chapter describing this experience is based on his own recollections and is the most interesting in the book. His release in 1961 was shortly followed by an invitation from President Bourguibat to settle in Tunisia, a country of which he was already an honorary citizen. There he embarked on a long epilogue (he is now in his 91st year) largely occupied by teaching in the University of Tunis and by writing. His mentoirs are written but not yet published — Middle East International.

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Report finds vitamins, minerals can save millions of lives

By Jon Schaffer USIA

WA\$HINGTON — Millions of lives around the world would be saved and the health of hundreds of millions of others improved if three vitamin and mineral deficiencies in people's diets were eradicated, according to a new World Bank report.

The report, released on Dec. 16. says that deficiencies in three socalled "micronutrients" vitamin A, iodine and iron – are responsible for some of the most burdensome diseases in the world.

The World Bank found that more than 13 million people suffer night blindness or total blindness because of lack of Vitamin A and that six of every 10 pre-school children with severe Vitamin A deficiency die. Vitamin A is found in fruits and vegetables. liver and breast

About 1,000 millioo people worldwide suffer from anemia caused by iron deficiencies, and an equal number lack adequate iodine in their food, according to the report.

It says that about 30 per cent of the children in Africa who enter hospitals with severe anemia die unless given blood transfusion. In Bangladesh, 99.5 per cent of all pregnant women are anemic, and

severe anemia, contributing to 20 per cent of all maternal deaths and to low birth weights of the children there, it says. Iron is found in red meat and breast milk. It also is found in grains, legumes and vegetables, but is less easily-absorbed from these unless taken at the same time with meat or foods rich in Vitamin C.

Five to 10 children of every 1,000 births by women who do not eat seafood or otherwise get iodine, such as through iodine-fortified salt, are dead upon birth or soon thereafter, the report says. Many of those who survive are mentally retarded, spastic and have two thirds of these have low life expectancy, it

The report, Enriching Lives, estimates that an imaginary country of 50 million with the level of micronutrient deficiencies that exists today in South Asia would likely suffer the following annual los-

ses due entirely to in-

adequate Vitamio A. iron

and iodine: 20,000 deaths, 11.000 childreo born mentally retarded or blinded as preschoolers, 1.3 million persons-years of work lost due to lethargy or more severe disability, and 360,000 studeot-years wasted. Globally, it finds that

morethan two hillion peo-ple are at risk from micro-

outrient deficiencies and

"This report demonstrates for the first time the terrible social and economic coosequencies of these deficiencies to a nation," Alan Berg, senior

> press release. The report says that as much as 5 per cent of a country's gross domestic product may be wasted in lost lives, disability and productivity as a result of microoutrient malnutri-

nutrition advisor with the

World Bank, said in a

Addressing micronutrient deficiencies globally will require an estimated \$1 hillion acoually, it says. Most of these costs will ulimtately be borne by consumers wheo purchas-

in the short run, donors and goveroments may have to assume a major financial burden for project preparation and start-

up costs, it says. The report argues that corrective solutions are very cheap with substantial payoffs — as high as 84 times the programme

"One measure is to fortify the food and water supply," it says. "In a country of 50 million people, this would cost about \$25 million per year, or 50 cents per capita. The \$25 million investment would yield a 40-fold return on investment, even without counting the future losses due to poor school per-

The report says that salt, bread and water can be fortified with iodine; wheat flour, commeal, rice, salt, sugar, condi-ments milk infant cereals and processed foods can be fortified with iron; and sugar, cooking fat, mar-garine, vegetable oils and tea can be fortified with Vitamin A.

Other approaches include supplementing the diet with pharmaceutical outrients and by dietary change through expanding the demand for, and supply of, outrient-rich foods.

The report notes some success stories. India reguires the iodization of salt. As a result three millioo tonnes of salt are io-

ing food with higher nutri- formance and low work dized out of total salt contional quality. However, output." sumption of 4.5 million sumption of 4.5 million tonnes. In Guatemala, the school-feeding programme uses a biscuit fortified with a number of vitamins and minerals. In Chile and the United States infant foods are fortified with

> In 1995, the World Bank said, it will lend \$60 million for various micronutrient projects — the largest including iodizing salt, fortifying cooking oil with Vitamin A and introducing iron-fortified wheat flour in Pakistan and salt iodization in China. Other projects include iodizing water from pumps in Mali and making iron tablets available to pregnant women in Bang-

Progress made in shrinking tumours in lab animals

By Joanne Kenen Reuter

WASHINGTON - Scieotists have reported progress in cutting off blood supply to a wide variety of tumours io laboratory animals, a finding that could lead to new ways of making human cancers shrink and dis-

'We don't want to oversell this — we're not saying we have the magic bullet, there's a lot more research to be done. But so far, we have greeo lights," said Dr. David Cheresh, one of the lead scientists on the project at the Scripps Research In-stitute in La Jolla, Califor-

The research by Dr. Cheresh and colleague Peter Brooks was published the journal Cell.

The Scripps team was able to block growth of new blood vessels that feed tumours without causing any damage to

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By Charles R. Woodard

healthy tissue in laboratory animals. They accomplished this with a single injection of, a monoclonal antibody named LM609 or with a small synthetic pep-

Without a blood supply, the tumour shrinks and vanishes.

The team got encouraging results in an array of solid tumours — including lung, colon, breast and brain cancers.

Though Dr. Cheresh is excited about his findings and believes they hold promise, he stressed that approaches that work well in laboratories can turn out to be disappointments in human trials. Studies will have to be completed on the antibody's toxicity or possible harmful side effects in bumans before clinical trials can start, probably in around 18

months.
It is customary for the first human trials to involve severely ill people, whose cancer is already

not responded to other

But the research with cbicken embryos, described in Cell, as well as more recent studies oo laboratory mice, has been very eocouragiog, Dr. Cheresh told Reuters in a telephone interview.

"It's baving an exciting and powerful impact on cancer," he said.

The Scripps team used buman tumour fragments placed io chicken embryos. Within a few bours, the pieces of tumour began attracting new blood vessels, just as they woold in human beings. Within 24 hours, they were injected with the antibody or with a control antibody. In those injected with

LM609, the blood vessels to the tumours shrank and disappeared in the pancreas, breast, brain, lung and larynx.

Normal blood vessels were unaffected. And once the tumour vanished. blood vessels in oormal ardvinced and who have the chicken embryos de- blood vessels.

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veloped normally. In those with the control substance, the blood vessels proliferated and

the tumours could thrive. In a related study, still in progress, the LM609 injectioo also shows promise in treating eye disease, including mascular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy, that are caused when new blood vessels form in the back of the eye. Both diseases can cause blindness.

A San Diego-based company Ixsys, Inc. has licensed the LM609 antibody and has created a humanised form of it. The goal is to begin clinical trials within the next 18 months, first for cancer and then for eye disease, Dr. Cheresh and.

Further down the road. the approach may also hold promise for treating various inflammatory diseases, such as rheumatoid arthritis, that also prompt the body to grow new

Fake medicines, poor policing sap Asia's health

By Shyam Kumar Reuter

BOMBAY — Fake medicines from filthy, ill-equipped, fly-by-night factories are sapping the health of Asia's poor in the absence of effective policing and deterrent penalties, companies, doctors and health advocates

For European and U.S. multinationals eyeing one of the world's largest markets for pharmaceuticals, counterfeit drugs compound the problems of a tough market bedevilled by lack of enforceable patent and trademark laws, industry analysts say.

Sparious medicines such as tablets that are often nothing but compressed chalk powder are prevalent in parts of China and the Indian subcontinent where literacy levels are low, hospitals starved for money and state health departments poorly staf-

And, they are also a problem in parts of South East Asia.

There are hundreds of ill-equipped and often unhygienic drug manufactur-ing units in India. And collect empty medicine

bottles are a major conduit for noderground gangs counterfeiting drugs on the subcontinent.

"But the extent of counterfeits is still guesswork, as there is no central monitoring agency," said Arun Bal of the Bombaybased Association for Community Action in Safety and Health (ACASH).

Last year, the Health Department of the West-ern state of Maharashtra ordered Glaxo India, one of the India's leading drug companies, to close its Bombay factory for a week after finding products the factory rejected were reaching the market through the company's scrap dealers.

N.I. Gandhi, managing director of Indian drug firm Lyka Labs said better packaging would prevent adulteration, but the Indian government will not allow reimbursement of packaging costs for pricecontrolled medicines.

Fakes are not so much the problem in the Philip-pines, Thailand and other parts of South East Asia as is the copying of brand-name drugs de-India's rag pickers who veloped by leading pharLegitimate drug com-panies in the Philippines are pressing for laws to tighten the definition of counterfeiting and to impose heavier penalties on it. They say counterfeiters are hard to prosecute, as they are mostly under-

ground operations.

Until last year, both
China and Thailand did not accept product patent protection - India still does not - thereby making legal the sale of generic copies of medicines still under patent protection

Generic medicines, which duplicate the chemical formula of an originally patented product but do not carry its brand name, allow the drug to be sold at a lower price, either because the life of the original patent has expired or by license agreement with the holder of an unexpired patent.

Aftab Malik, of the Pharmaceutical Producers Association of Thailand says many generic medi-cines available in Thailand are not as effective as the brand-name originals, exposing consumers to dan-

gers.
"The argument that generics are not effective is not true," said Amar Jessani, a Bombay doctor. "They have the same effect on the human sys-

But a generic drug's effectiveness depends on the equipment and quality standards of the drug company making it. In Indonesia, the gov-

ernment is seeking to ease restrictions on the sale of generic medicines, which are significantly cheaper than the brand-name lead-

But the country faces the problem of syndicates illegally producing substandard medicines or ineffective placebos - and selling the fake pills for one-lifth the price of the genuine, articles.

"Counterfeits are always a problem, but the industry is not talking about it as much as it was a year or so ago," said con-sultant Jim Castle of Business Advisory Indonesia.

Foreign drug companies selling in China have the additional problem of not being able to register their patents and trademarks if local Chinese firms get onto the market first with a generic duplicate of their product.

"Local generics often apply before us, and when this happens we are not allowed to distribute that product for three years," said an executive. "The Chinese are savvy about doing this and getting in ahead of foreign firms, he said.

Fake- and look-alike drugs continue to be sold in parts of China thanks to local government protection, companies said.

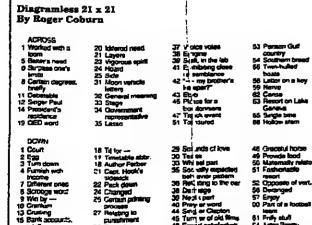
Though recently, the Tianjin City authorities intervened to close down a plant making counterfeits. The stock was burnt and two people were arrested.

"People could get killed because of lack of proper medicines," said an executive. "The government is not yet willing to take severe penalties."

Leading pharmaceutical

firms in China are trying to protect themselves by reducing their distributors to a few recognised, authorised dealers.

"If the hospital buys elsewhere, they know there is no guarantee that the product is not counterfcit," said one legitimate



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U.N. cites joint programmes to fight AIDS

By Wendy Lubetkin USIA

GENEVA — The director of the United Nation's new joint programme on AIDS says he intends to head the new programme. take a multifaceted approach to the epidemic effort, Dr. Ghali exthat would promote development and human rights, and focus on the impact of the disease on individuals. communities and health services.

"It was already clear five or 10 years ago that this disease cuts across all levels and all aspects of society and the human condition." Dr. Peter Piot told a Dec. 16 press con-ference. "With AIDS prevention and control there is no single remedy, no said.

'The challenge" of directing the new interagency programme will be to find the right ha-

The United Nations programme will bring together the AIDS-related activities of six different programmes: the United Nations Childrens Fund (UNICEF); the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); the United Nations Educational, Scientific and (UNESCO): the United Nations Population Fund (UNPF); the World Bank; new interagency program-and the World Health me, according to Dr. Piot. (UNPF); the World Bank;

ros Ghali appointed Dr. Piot, a 45-year-old Bel-gian physician who bas been active in the AIDS field for over a decade, to plained, will be to "unite our efforts, coordinate our actions and reduce duplication.

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Dr. Piot says be is "under no illusions about the challenges ahead." "Bringing six agencies together in this way has

never been done before, but I am confident that it can be done because of the nature of the problem, which can unite agencies, as it can unite people," he

In many ways the joint programme will be "a kind of test case, or laboratory" for U.N. interagency cooperation on other global issues, he

Since 1987, international efforts to combat the AIDS epidemic bave been coordinated by the WHO's Global Programme on AIDS (GPA). The WHO programme will continue its work under the direction of Dr. Michael Merson until the Cultural Organisation end of 1995 at which time certain of its components will be absorbed by the

Organisation (WHO). The programme will be On Dec. 12 U.N. headquartered in Geneva.

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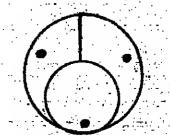
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Moi pushes for Sudan talks

NAIROBI (Agencies) — The presidents of Kenya, Ethiopia, Eritrea and vicepresident of Uganda met on Wednesday in a new year old to revive deadlocked talks to end a 12-year-old war in south Sudan.

Neither side in the conflict. Sudan's military government of General Omar Hassan Al Bashir and the divided Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) rebels, were invited to the talks in Nairobi.

Officials said it was a ground-breaking meeting in the search for peace, with Kenya suggesting mediators prospose resumed face-toface talks if thorny issues were put aside at first.

Official sources said Kenya wanted the Khartoum government to ease its position at negotiations on Islamic Sharia law in exchange for the rebels doing the same on their demands for selfdetermination in the wardevastated south.

The SPLA says it wants a secular state and recognitison that southerners, who are mainly Christian or animist. can determine the future status of their region.

Khartoum says Sudan African's largest country cannot be sub-divided and it is not willing to compromise on Sharia law.

The sources said if the mediators agreed on the proposals they would call a new round of talks with both sides within a month.

Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi, Eritrea's Isayas Afewerki and Ethiopia's Meles Zenawi and Ugandan Vice-President Specioze Wandira Kazibwe met under the auspices of the Intergovernmental Authority on Drough and Development

other regional leaders made any formal statements to journalists before their oneday summit on Sudan opened at state house, Mr. Moi's official residence in Nairobi. The last IGADD summit on Sudan was held in Lilongwe early last month, also

Neither Mr. Moi nor the

manship. President Bashir said after that meeting that steps had been taken for a peace con-ference soon with the rebels. bnt gave no details.

under Mr. Moi's chair-

Government and rebel negotiators have held three rounds of talks in Nairobi since 1993, but without suc-

Gen. Bashir, whose military junta seized power in 1989, appealed to the rebels on Sunday — the 39th anniversary of independence

from Anglo-Egyptian rule to lay down their arms. He called on exiles to return to Sudan, but warned at the same time that he was training a million loyalists in

the use of arms.
"We advocate peace," he said, but went on to declare that his moves were aimed at preparing a jihad to defend "the country and the faith."

The rebel movement splin-tered last month, with a faction led by Lam Akol splitting off last month from the Southern Sudan Independence Army (SSIA) of Rick Machar — itself a splinter group of the main SPLA headed by John Garang — to reform the Sudan People's Liberation Army-United, the former name of the SSIA.

The rebels have fared badly on the battlefield, and admit they will be facing overwhelming odds during the coming offensive, expected to start this month, with supplies of material drying up as a result of the

splintering of the movement. The government meanwhile estimates the cost of the civil war at \$1 million a day. It signed a letter of intent with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in November to reschedule its IMF debt, estimated at \$1.7



Israeli machinery start working Wednesday on a new site to widen the Israeli settlement of

Israel-PLO self-rule talks stalled

sis talks which ended in disarray in Cairo on Tuesday. "The level of trust is no

longer what it was between Israel and the Palestinians," government spokesman Uri Dromi said after Tnesday's talks in Cairo.

"There is general frustranon. We reproach them for not doing enough to fight terrorism and they accuse us of continuing settlements and delaying our redeployment on the West Bank," Mr. Dro-

"But the frequency of our meetings shows that the sides are looking for ways to prevent the peace process from

collapsing."
Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat are to meet next week at the Erez crossing between Israel and the self-rule Gaza Strip in a bid to break the deadlock. although no specific day has

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been mentioned. One senior official said he expected progress when the two meet

Chief PLO negotiator Nabil Shaath said in Cairo late Tuesday that there was real concern about the future of autonomy which was launched in the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho last May.

What we have is a real fear that the peace process will be stalled, interrupted, which will then end all our achievements," be said.

Dr. Shaath said he had received some assurances from Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on the question of settlements but they were inadequate.

The Palestinians wanted to see a total halt to settlement building, especially around Jerusalem, and not just the transfer of construction from one hill to another.

The Israeli government decided this week to stop the extension of a settlement at

(Continued from page d) CEphrat, near Bethlehem, following Palestinian protests, pall over the Israeli-PLO cri- but then authorised the building of 260 new homes nearby.

> began clearing land for building at the new site. But the compromise has done little to defuse the crisis over Jewish settlements, one of the thorniest points to be

negotiated in the 1993 Israeli-PLO peace deal. Witnesses said workers ' broke ground for housing units on a hillside tract next to another hill where Israeli

troops and protesters clashed last week over plans to build on what Arab villagers said was their land. On Monday Israel's gov-

ernment, under pressure from its Palestinian peace partners, had halted work at the scene of the clashes, near the village of Al Khader, but authorised work on another location, closer to the existing Jewish settlement of Ephrat.

The PLO maintains continned settlement will wreck the talks.

"As one who has taken part in very many meetings like this, I can say that this was a perhaps especially diffi-cult meeting," Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, a senior negotiator and an architect of self-rule in Gaza and Jericho, told Israel Radio.

Mr. Sarid expressed hope the talks would get back on track when Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat meet in Gaza next

Mr. Peres said in Cairo that his government had decided not to build any new settlements, not to confiscate land to enlarge existing settlements or invest public

money in other extensions. The Palestinians made an extraordinary, nit-picking presentation against Israeli policy in the territories," a senior Israeli foreign ministry

official said. "The tone has rarely been so harsh since the start of the process. It is clear the Palesti-

mans no longer trust the Israelis," he said.

Spokesman Dromi said: "This process has experi-Bulldozers on Wednesday enced ups and downs. But we have known worse, for example, after Hebton," whete a settler shot dead at least 30 Palestinians at prayer last

February. "We know where we are going. In May 1996 at the latest we will negotiate the final status. The only problem is the rate at which we are advancing," he said.

No progress has been reported in the last several weeks on overcoming differences over extending autonomy on the West Bank.

Dr. Shaath said the Cairo meeting was tense also because of demands for the release of Palestinian prison-

He denied Israel's claim that prisoners had not been released because they had not signed a pledge to renounce terror. "Among the prisoners are 700 who have signed the pledges demanded by Israel but they have not

been released," he said. He said that 60 per cent of the prisoners were from moderate Palestinian factions which support the peace pro-

"Holding thousands of Palestinian prisoners is an unforgivable crime. I told them we refuse any racist talk which says they (the prisoners) have blood on their hands, because I say every Israeli pilot who has fired bombs on Palestinian camps and killed children bas blood on his hands," he added. Dr. Shaath said all sides should forget past grievances

in a time of peace. "When we reach peace, we reach peace to end all these acts, so all these people who have participated as occupiers or resistance fighters did so in the past, and everything should finish now, these prisoners should no longer be

West worried over Yeltsin's Chechenya dilemma

By Nicholas Doughty Reuter

LONDON — Western governments, which have so far voiced only muted criticism of Moscow over the Russian blitz in Chechenya, face an increasingly unpleasant dilemma.

Diplomats say the United States and its European allies are aware that the conflict over the breakaway region could seriously damage President Boris Yeltsin's position, something the West is desperate to avoid.

Ontright condemnation of Russia, Europe's biggest power, would also make relations worse at a time when they are already strained over other questions such as the expansion of NATO to Eastern Europe and U.N. sanctions imposed on Iraq.

But diplomats concede that gruesome television pictures and graphic reports of civilian casualties in Grozny show Russia has violated international principles - principles reaffirmed only last month at a European security summit in Budapest.

"There is a problem for us, a dilemma that gets worse the longer the fighting goes on," said one European diplomat.

"The political reality dictates that, if we're smart, we'll keep fairly quiet while making the right noises of concern. But that means we put aside the moral questions as the price.

That gap between reality and solemn declarations of principle is as old as diplomacy itself and has been much in evidence in the post-cold war world, from

Somalia to Bosnia. So far, "realpolitik" still has the upper hand in the West — even though gov-ernments are increasingly

With Mr. Yeltsin's own advisers openly admitting that the crisis has weakened his position and his public ratings hitting record lows, the fear is that Russia's future could now be at

Western governments have pinned their hopes on Mr. Yeltsin to guide his country through democratic and economic reforms to a new era of stability, much as they pinned their hopes on the Soviet Union's last leader, Mikhail Gorbachev.

"There are many who say we shouldn't focus so much on Yeltsin but it's hard to see who else to support. He is our best hope and we cannot afford to do anything that might undermine him, especially now over Chechenya," said another diplomat.

"It's not worth souring our relations with Moscow to a dangerous degree for Chechenya. That's the real-

ity."
When the crisis flared in December, Western gov-ernments said it was an internal Russian affair and voiced the hope that Moscow would resolve it quickly and with minimum



BORIS YELTSIN: A president in trouble

bloodshed. Those hopes have been dashed.

The United States expressed concern that planes had bombed civilian targets in Grozny just two days before Russian tanks moved into the city on New Year's Eve.

But President Bill Clinton said the conflict was not 'black and white" and that there was no comparison with China's crushing of pro-democracy protesters in 1989. Russia was trying to deal as best it could with

a "secessionist movement." France, anxious to be seen making an active start to its presidency of the European Union (EU), said on Monday it wanted to use a pan-European security body to help re-solve the crisis through dia-

logue and negotiation. But Paris did not say how it would use the 53-nation Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), of which Russia is a leading member.

Any action would require the consent of Russia since the OSCE works only through agreement among all member states. Diplo-mats said Moscow was unlikely to cooperate at this

All member states of the OSCE subscribe on paper to principles including the rejection of the use of force, respect for minorities

and protection of human rights.

These were drawn up height of the cold war. The West argued at the time that this meant no state could continue to say that how it treated its own people was purely an "internal affaiτ."

Western governments no longer appear to be taking the same line with Chechenya but some, at least, are aware that this does not do justice to oftenrepeated principles.

Germany issued the strongest statement vet about the crisis in Chechenya on Monday, accusing Russia of violating human rights by using an unwar-

ranted amount of force. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Moscow disregarded a request by EU ambassadors last week

to show restraint. Bnt German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said on Tuesday his country still backed Mr. Yeltsin and that the conflict remained an internal affair for Russia to settle.

"The whole episode is a tragedy and it cannot be solved from abroad," Mr. Kinkel said.

Philippe Starck, design with a human face

By Pierre Michel WHAT DISTINGUISHES Philippe Starck from any other designer is the way that the objects that he creates fit into their period, the ability they have to escape their creator and to blend into the use for which they are intended. Therein lies the whole of Mr. Starck's ambiguousness and genius. Each of the creations of this myth-making media star is independent and has the ability to make its own success and its own myth. But, at the same time, it fits into another perspective, one that, through all his other achievements, contributes. to constructing a story or a

Philippe Starck set up his own agency at the beginning of the 1980s. He wanted to have a small staff and a flexible structure in order to maintain a hauteconture spirit. He made his first, and maybe most prestigious, creations in the area of interiot design, first of all in Paris with the "Bains-Douches" nightclubs, the president's apartments in the Elysée Palace and the "Costes" café near the "Halles" district, and then in Tokyo with the "Manin" restaurant, and in New York with the "Royalton" Hotel.

His second area of activ-

ity is, in chronological order, that of furniture design. He is very prolific in this sector. His best-known pieces of furniture include the Dole Melipone folding table, the Ray Menta lamp, the Jack Lang collection or his collection for the Habitat store and for the 3 Suisses catalogue. The agency's two departments are industrial design and architecture. The formet includes a new line of Laguiole knives, a tevolutionary lemonsqueezer, a toothbrush which has now become a the latest range of Thomson television sets. Philippe Starck's architectural activities have, above all, developed in Japan (the Nani Nani building in Tokyo). In France, people are waiting for the imminent appear-

ence, that he designed for the 3 Suisses. In such diversified and considerable work, one may wonder what coherence and what constants can be found, all the more as, when he is questioned. Philippe Starck always strongly asserts his mistrust of globalising theories, of the usual splitting-up into concepts (for instance: modernism/postmodernism) and of what is

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written in general. In fact, he prefers the spoken word. He has an art for finding the right expressions. He strings them along duting the countless interviews that he gives, in the specialised or general press, giving us the sparse keys to decipher his work. Out of all his-key words, there are six major ones: - The word "Service+"

takes up and extends the concept of functionalism. Philippe Starck explains, "pleasure, semantics, poetry, hamour and magic music de considered as functions in the same way as other more utilitarian - The term "minimum object" explains Mr.

Starck's taste for simplicity and economy which he Opposes to the minimalism of the modern movement of the 20s. He replaces the famous expression by the German architect Mies Van Der Rohe "Less is more" by "doing more with less." - Another key-concept,

that of "anonymity+" reminds the designer of the necessity to disappear, to efface himself behind his objects and to let them find their autonomy on their own.

- "Symbolism and scenarios" is perhaps the most

important category to understand Philippe Starck's work. He usually opposes it to the notion of style. For him, the aesthetic work on an object should no longer be stylistic but semantic. He frequently repeats. "I do not make shapes, I make meaning." - Another essential ex-

pression, that of "magic de-

sign," imparts Mt. Starck's dream of having the object disappear in favour of its use and of having a new telationship defined between man and object, which is no longer technolo-gical in nature," but poetry, magic and sensuality. "Magic, means Kubrick, says Mr. Stark, "It is the monolith of "2001. Space Odyssey." It is that object which has descended from the sky, which is neither a piece of furniture nor a machine, all of whose functions are concealed behind the circumspect shape of a parallelepiped."

- The ulterior stage of evolution, according to Mr. Statck, should be "biomechanical design," that is to say a synthesis of the mechanical and the organic, in which the object becomes an extension of the body, a prosthesis.

Concerning these few precepts, Philippe Starck prefers to speak of method

tather than theory, a pragmatic method to "do" for Mr. Starck is a man of action, an unsaffable worket, driven by pure energy. He often uses the image of a whale which swallows up everything that crosses its path, in its enormous mouth, to express his curiosity and his gluttonous interest in everything atound him, indefinitely, images, objects and people, without any censorship. He is in on all journeys and all experiences, daytime ones just as much as night-time nes. He no doubt this taste for adventure from his original childhood. which was complex although wealthy, during which he was unable to fit into any standard mould or any classical framework. Since then, he has enjoyed being in that avant-garde fringe of the world and in that out-of-synch position from which he is able to perceive his period and be in tune with it so as to better invent it and antici-

pate it in its modernity. Perhaps Philippe Starck's greatest quality, in this arid world of specialists, is to be all-embracing, in the humanistic acceptance of the term, that is to say a free

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U.S. backs Afghan bid

KABUL (Agencies) - United States Ambassador to Pakistan John Monjo flew into Afghanistan Wednesday and met with senior factional leaders to express U.S. support for the United Nations peace initiative, Afghan sources said.

After flying to Bagram airbase 50 kilometres north of Kabul, Mr. Monio met with President Burhanuddin Rabhani and ex-Defence Minister Ahmad Shah Masoud. "The meeting between

Afghan source told AFP. Afghan analysts observed that Mr. Monjo's flying visit was an example of what U.N. special envoy Mahmoud Mestiri had earlier termed a more hands-on approach by the foreign community in seeking ways to try and solve

Monio, Rabbani and Masoud

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the Afghan crisis. In the late afternoon, Mr. Monio flew to the eastern provincial capital Jalalabad where he was expected to meet with Mr. Rahhani's main rival, Hezb-e-Islami faction leader Gulbnddin

It was understood that Mr. Hekmatyar arrived in Jalalabad early Wednesday to prepare for talks with Mr. Messhow Kim at one with military cy issued a photograph showing Mr. Kim at the event receiving flowers from a soldier it said be-

longed to military Unit 214. "The servicemen enthusiastically welcomed him, shouting the slogan, 'Let us devotedly fight for the respected Supreme Commander General Kim Jong-Il'." the agency said in a report

Korea reported a public appearance by Kim Jong-Il was more than two months Analysts in Seoul said the

They are trying to show the outside world that the military is supporting him, to show that his power base is secure," said Ok Tae-Hwan, a researcher at Seoul's Research Institute

he said.

"Rumour is rumour — I

still doubt he is really sick," Mr. Ok said. "I think Kim Jong-Il is still in control."

said the most important task for the new year was to unite under 52-year-old Kim, but he did not make the new year's address his father had given in past

sage from the previous new year, after reading a leng-thy joint editorial by all of North Korea's major news-

Mr. Ok and other analysts said they did not

has not been named national president, general secretary of the ruling communist party, or to his father's post as head of the party's milit-

of him surrounded by the national flag and missiles. Some analysts in Seoul and elsewhere have speculated that North Korea wants to continue to make use of Kim Il-Sung's legacy as undisputed leader of the Stalinist state for 50 years to ensure national unity and compensate for Kim Jong-Il's comparative lack of leadership charisma.

They believe the younger Kim, who is short, pudgy, bespectacled, and according to past South Korean intelligence reports a harddrinking womaniser, does not command the same un-

questioning respect and loyalty his father enjoyed. U.S. officials commenting on efforts last month to ohtain the release of a captured American helicopter pilot said they had detected policy frictions between the military and government

They said it appeared conservative elements in the military were unhappy with the breakthrough nuclear accord reached between the United States and North Korea in October and may have been out to torpedo it.

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which has been depleted by refugee departures, last Hundreds of people are

days of street battles, but fighters loyal to rebel leader Dzbokhar Dadayev bave so far defied all attempts 10 Seize the city.

Motley Chechen fighters

told Reuters in the heart of

Grozny that bombs had hit

feared to have been killed in

the city centre and the northern outskirts in early morning

A Russian Interior Ministry official confirmed "pinpoint" bombing of Chechen military positions. But by noon, only the rattle of machinegun fire and shelling from tanks echoed around

the fog-shrouded city. Mr. Yeltsin's press service said he made the decision to top officials in Moscow and said he had taken into account appeals from ordinary people and members of parliament who have protested against the bombing

on the basis of the materials the president has received ... and guided by the desire to prevent an increase in the number of victims among the civilian population'," the press service said in a state-

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in detention," he said.

Hekmatyar.

Reuter SEOUL - By releasing new year pictures of unanointed leader Kim Jong-II, North Korea is trying to show the world his political base is secure, especially among the powerful milit-

By David Brunnstrom

ary, analysts say. Speculation as to Mr. Kim's health and hold on power has grown since the death of his father Kim-Il-Sang on July 8. Despite being his long-designated successor, he has yet to formally take up the elder Kim's supreme leadership positions. This week, North Korea

released television footage of Kim Jong-II visiting a unit of the Korean People's Army on new year's day. His chibby face was pale under a fur hat, but he looked lively and in better health than he appeared at his father's funeral in July. He gesticulated enthusiastically as he apparently

with whom he posed for a formal photograph. On Monday, North Korea's official news agen-

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pictures appeared aimed at quashing speculation abroad that he was in poor health and losing his infinence over the powerful military.

for National Unification. "We have had a lot of speculation that he is facing problems, that he is sick, but there has been no clear evidence to support that,"

On Sunday, North Korea's state-run media

North Korea aims to

years. Radio Pyongvang instead reran Kim II-Sung's mes-

consider it unusual that Kim Jong-Il had not given the address, as this had been given in the past by his father as national president. Although Kim Jong-Il is supreme commander of the North Korean army, he still

ary commission. State television did air a mass stage show in Kim Jong-il's honour on Sunday, with young girls dancing against a huge portrait

officials.

CALCUTTA (AFP) — Asia has emerged as the centre of glohal economic activity, turning back more than five centuries of Western dominance, the head of the World Economic Forum said here Wednesday.

The centre of the world's economic gravity bas shifted to Asia," said Klaus Schwah. the Harvard-educated president of the Geneva-based

"In 1960, South East Asia contributed just four per cent of the world economic output." he told an international business conference. "Today it is 25 per cent and it will rise to 40 per cent by the turn of

The Swiss economist said the "real industrial revolunon of the last decade is that high quality, high-technology goods and services can be produced in any part of the

"Cheap labour adds to Asia's advantages," he added in a speech to the three-day conference organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry to mark the golden jubilee of India's oldest trade

body. The World Economic Forum president said Asia was "poised to claim oreeminence over its counterparts" with the advent of the World

Trade Organisation. Mr. Schwab's claims were backed by Malaysian Public Works Minister Leo Moggie, wbo said East Asian nations had developed "self. propelling growth.

"The annual GDP growth rate is projected at five to six per cent for the coming decade," he said. "This is higher than Western countries.

Mr. Moggie said developed nations were trying to styrnie the Asian resurgence with protectionism and non-tariff,

"NAFTA and the EC are a response to the East Asian challenge." he said, referring to the North American Free Trade Agreement between the United States, Canada

and Mexico and the European Community. Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati urged Asian countries Wednesday to forge closer trade ties in a bid to occome an "important

centre of global power."
Mr. Veiavati. who is attending the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) centenary celebrations in this eastern port city, said economic cooperation could also be extended to the new central Asian pations.

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Mexican president calls for unity to face crisis

MEXICO CTTY (R) — President Ernesto Zedillo asked his countrymen Tuesday for unity and new sacrifices in Mexico's battle against economic crisis, warning of tough times ahead if the nation is to recover.

But Mexican and foreign investors gave the speech a rough reception, and stock prices tumbled.

Mr. Zedillo, whose nationally-televised speecb was delayed several times by wrangling over a new economic pact between government, labour and business. said an emergency plan to face the crisis was now in

The plan, details of which were released earlier Tues-day, includes an \$18 billion international support fund for the Mexican economy, sweeping new privatisations and a clamp on wage and price rises.

Mexican stock prices fell after Mr. Zedillo finished speaking, closing down by more than three per cent. The new peso - so-called after the government shavedthree zeroes off the old currency in 1993 — closed 40 centavos lower at 5.4 pesos to the dollar even before he began his address.

The speech wasn't very clear, and that hit the stock market." a trader said. Others said investors did not hear the further details of the emergency plan as they had

But Mr. Zedillo avoided details in launching his appeal to Mexicans.
"We must confront this

problem by being fully aware that it is both grave and urgent, and that it will demand our utmost determination," he told Mexicans. "We must confront it in the know-

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Mr. Zedillo thanked business leaders for agreeing to "sacrifice their profit margins" in the latest economic pact between government, business and labour, agreed in the early hours of Tuesday after marathon talks.

He also praised the labour sector, which is widely seen as less happy with the pact, for its "patriotism and solidanty. The position of organised labour is an example for everyone."

Labour discontent with the crisis was reflected in a 20hour debate over the pact that ended as dawn broke Tuesday. The official news agency Norimex said labour was unahappy with the slight wage increase accorded them, which held up the pact's approval and forced Mr. Zedillo to postpone wbat was originally to have been a Monday speech.

Labour, business and gov-ernment have since 1987 held annual talks on an economic pact initially targeting infla-tion and in recent years aimed at spurring growth as inflation subsided.

Although Mexico's main labour unions have traditionally backed the longruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) during its 65 years in power, Nonagena-rian labour leader and PRI loyalist Fidel Velazquez is expected to retire this year. sparking speculation that unions may become more independent.

Labour leaders have made no overt comments against the pact so far, however.

The emergency plan calls for wage increases of just 10 per cent, not enough to offset a 30 per cent plunge in the.

peso since the government announced a pre-Christmas devaluation.

The run on the peso was prompted by investor fears about a growing current account deficit that stood at \$28 billion at year-end political instability arising from a still-unresolved peasant rebellion in the state of Chiapas.

The government says the peso will continue to float freely in world markets as the country tries to protect its precious few remaining international reserves, which were down to \$6.14 billion in December from more than \$17 billion two months ago.

Mr. Zediflo's rescue plan calls for cutting Mexico's crushing current account deficit to \$14 billion in 1995 hy slowing growth to between 1.5 and 2 per cent for the year from the previously planned four per cent. It also cuts public spending and opens

the country to greater private investment.

Under the plan, the government will auction off the radio spectrum, allow private ownership of satellites, privatise railroads, speed up the sale of state-owned container terminals in the country's four main ports and allow greater competition in telephone services.

Heavyweight support for the plan came Tuesday from both the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Mr. Zedillo called on Mexicans to use the crisis as an opportunity not only for economic reform but also for further democranc change. He made no mention of Chiapas, where the government is trying to negotiate with Zapatista rebels.

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plan to rescue the battered peso could spark a recession and widespread social problems as unemployment rises and wages fall, but President

Zedillo had no choice. "These measures are going to be very bitter," said Javier Maldonado, ehief market analyst at Bancomer, Mexico's second-largest bank. These are very strong austerity measures. But there was no alternative."

If Mr. Zedillo had backed away from his commitment to keep inflation in check, the analysts said, pressures would have mounted for higher wages and prices, with disastrous economic results.

"In the short run, it's going to be very recessionary." said Luis Rubio, a prominent eco-nomic who heads the Centre for Development Research, a Mexico City think tank. "Bnt it's the least bad programme under the circumstances."

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World tourism grew three per cent in '94

MADRID (R) — Some 528 million people worldwide took holidays abroad in 1994, three per cent more than the previous year, the Madrid-based World Tourism Organisation said

"People were travelling more, taking more short trips as a result of economic recovery in the major generating markets," said the organisation's secretary general Antonio Enriquez

Foreign tourists spent \$321 billion while on holiday, five per cent more than the previous year, the group estimated. Germans travelled most, making more than 65 million trips abroad, followed by North Americans who made 47 million.

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1995 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Private talks with those you like can bring fine results during the daytime. Set out in the evening to some new place where you can find the inspiration and the enthusiasm that you require. Study the future.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) You want to make changes in the morning which are not wise, but later you can handle existing conditions much better and more efficiently.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Don't get dramatic in the morning and later you can handle those who can be of assistance to you on some activities. Be wise.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Don't have a confrontation with one who is egotistical. You can pursue personal affairs and gain them easily so there is harmony in your life.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Don't be confrontational with a fellow associate who does things differently from you. Be with the one you love tonight.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Your mate may make it difficult for you to see a good friend in the morning, but later you can do so with ease and have a wonderful time.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Forget that easy chair and get out in the world of activity. There is much opportunity to get ahead at this time and be very successful. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) This is a good day for expansion, so don't let dull routines deter you from this. Take care of any physical trouble which you may have.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Try not to disagree with a business person and you can make more progress. After a rather difficult day, all is well tonight.

SACITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) A partner could be difficult in the morning. Apply yourself assiduously. Act promptly on some civic problem which have surfaced.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) If you try any tricks with a fellow associate, there is sure to be difficulties. You may not feel so well in the morning, but carry on.

AQUARTUS: (Ianuary 21 to February 19) You may have a few small problems in the morning but you can quickly solve them. Be thoughtful of your mate and you both will be happy.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) An disagreement at home in the morning should be avoided. Do some entertaining at home in the evening. Avoid a troublesome person.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1995

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Be more optimistic and make your life brighter today as you benefit from and enjoy seven especially well aspected planetary conditions that exist throughout the entire day and evening. Go with the flow.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) You visualise far better ways of adding to present abundance, so get yourself well organised. The evening present a situation which must be dealr with: TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Your ideas are fine for advance-

ment, so put them in operation quickly. Show your deep devotion to the one you love and adore.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You have inspired ideas which can bring you those benefits you had not counted on but deeply desire for you to have much success.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You have secret yearnings which can be gained by proper activity. Put your best foot forward and you can achieve you desires.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Discuss that idea you have with good friends. Entertain them nicely. Much care in driving is advised while on the highway. Be charming to others.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Bring your talents to the attention of the biggest bigwig you know. You can expand where your career is concerned so you can obtain more income. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Plan just how to become part of some new venture. Plan a trip, and know what kind of wardrobe to take with you and be well artired.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Talk over some matter with your mate which can make the path ahead very much easier for both of you. Drive with care while on the highway.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) More cooperation with partners can hring about greater success at this time. Think along more constructive lines of endeavours.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You have fine romantic deas and can make them work out beautifully. You can strike it rich if you truly apply yourself.

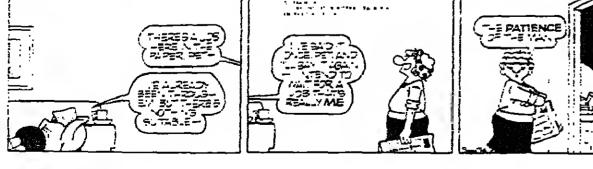
AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Be more willing to listen to ideas of your mate for the days ahead, you will get excellent results. Be wise in your logical thinking.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) If you are interested in enlarging your home or buying a new one, you can use your ideas wisely at this time. Show that you are clever.

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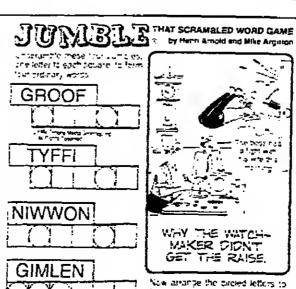




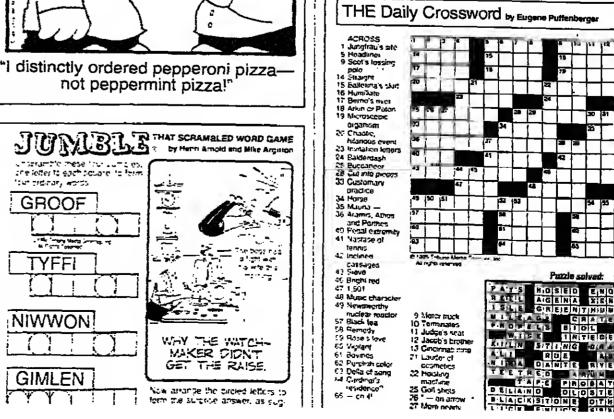








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More free phone calls allowed

☆☆ The Council of Ministers SECTION SECTIO decided to increase the number of free local phone calls from 1,000 to 1,600 a year. The free phone calls will be stretched over four periods at a rate of 400 each year, starting from January 1995. Phone charges for calls to Kuwait, Lebanon and Yemen were also reduced to JD 1.100 per minute to Kuwait and JD 0.750 per minute to both Lebanon and Yemen. Also under consideration is making Zarqa, Russeifa and Al Hashimiyeh one unit, and consider phone calls between these areas local. This would these areas rocal and fils for entail charging 20 fils for THE PERSON NAMED IN every four minutes. Also to April 1 Company be considered as one unit were Irbid, Al Husn and Beit Ras (Al Ra'i).

> ** Israeli media have reported that the Israeli company AMCOR is negotiating with a Jordanian company to set up a joint solar heaters factory at a cost between \$5 to \$10 million (Al Aswaq).

★★ Telceommunications Corporation Director-General Walid Dweik said that the call back telephone arrangement being promoted by companies and individuals on behalf of foreign comnamication firms was illegal and forbidden. Anyone involved in these banned activities will have his/her telephone disconnected (Al Dustour).

* Jamal Bdour, directorgeneral of the Cooperative Organisation, has presented his resignation to the Council of Ministers. The resignation. is reportedly attributed to financial strains, so big that the organisation is unable to pay salaries to employees (Al Dustour).

* The Arab Bank Ltd. attracted JD 100 million in deposits in the occupied territories since it resumed operations there about 40 days ago. According to Arab Bank Chairman Abdul Majeed Shoman, the Jordanian dinar is widely used in the West Bank while the dollar is more dominant in Gaza (Al Ra'i).

**Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factories Company started construction on a JD 7 million project to manufacture coated and non-coated duplex paper boards. Trial production of this type of carton is expected to begin in June 1995. The capacity of this project will be about 30,000 tonnes, to cover local market needs as well as a large portion of the needs of neighbouring markets (Al Ra'i).

** Jordan Bar Association President Kamal Naser reminds all businesses of the law that requires local and foreign establishments to appoint a lawyer or legal advisor from among lawyers registered at the association. Failing to adhere to this requirement would result in JD 2 fine per day after a period of 3-month since starting opcrations. The association is providing a discount until Jan. 31, 1995, for early settlement dues (Al Dustour).

> ** The Income Tax Department is distributing 1994 selfassessment tax forms. Taxpayers who submit their forms during January 1995 will be entitled to a six per cent discount of the tax amount (Al Aswaq).

** According to Tayseer Abdul Jaber, a former minister and ex-director of ESCWA (Economic and Social Commission for West Asia), Jordan's anemployment stands at 18 per cent, inflation of foodstuff prices at 10 per cent and poverty stands at 30 per cent. He said in a lecture at the Amman Rotary Club that the United Nations report estimated the per capita income in Jordan at \$4,000 a year and not at \$1,200 as it is commonly known because the size of the Kingdom's economy is much bigger than the \$5 billion declared figure (Al Ra'l).

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Israel to spend \$2.5b on defence industry

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM dustries, which has submitted (R) — Israel's ailing defence industry will cost the govern-ment \$2.5 billion over a fouryear period, the director general of the finance ministry, David Brodett, said Wednesday.

Mr. Brodett also said that within the next 18 months the industry will have to slash a further 5,000 to 6,000 jobs.
Four years ago the industry employed 40,000 workers.

The figure now stands at 24,000 and the government has set a target of 18,000-19,000. The government's rescue

plan for the three defence companies will cost \$2.5 bil-lion from 1993-96 including some funds that have already been disbursed. The government has committed \$525 million to Israel

Aircraft industries' recovery programme as well as \$400

million to Israel Military In-

a request for an additional \$400 million

Mr. Rafael, Israel's third military contractor, will receive \$650 million in aid. Israel's military industry has been hit by a decline in defence spending worldwide

as well as by a cancellation of orders by the Israeli army. Israel Military Industries' situation is particularly troublesome. "Earlier this week we presented to the prime minister a very gloomy picture about the functioning of this company," Mr. Brodett said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has given management and workers at Israel Military Industries an nitimatum. Either they agree by next week on severance payments and the number of workers to be sacked or the government will appoint a receiver, Mr. Brodett said.

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the zone to rise hy almost 40 per cent this year thanks to

DUBAI (R) - Jebel Ali free zone hopes to attract more manufacturing and hightechnology industries in 1995, zone chief Sultan Bin Sulayem said Wednesday. The free zone in Dubai,

the second largest emirate and commercial hub of seven in the united Arah Emirates (UAE), has already attracted giants like Japan's Sony and Aiwa electronics corporations, Nissan cars, Acer com-puters and Shell chemicals.

"We are targeting high-tech companies like electromes and computers," Mr. Sulayem, the zone chairman and managing director, told Reuters in an interview.

He said he expected the number of firms operating in growing interest from abroad. "We feel we could reach 1,000 by the end of the

year," he said. There are now 725 companies representing billions of dirhams worth of capital investment in the free zone, set up in 1985 as part of the Dubai government's efforts to diversify the economy and lessen dependence on oil.

It offers special incentives to investors, including freedom from import duties and corporate and personal in-come taxes, 100 per cent foreign ownership and full repatriation of profits.

Mr. Sulayem said Jebel Ali's main competition was from the Far East but the zone had managed to entice both Sony and Aiwa to move their Middle East distribution

Dubai free zone to target high-tech industry

hubs Singapore to Duhai. Although manufacturers who used advanced technology were top of the list of companies targeted hy the free zone, Mr. Sulayem said distributers still had a very important role to play.

"Distribution is still a major thing. About 65 per cent of the registered companies are involved in distribution,' he pointed out.

The Middle East, Indian Subcontinent and North and East Africa were the most important markets for zonehased companies, he said, hut the former Soviet Union

and South Africa were fast becoming strong huyers.

"Last year about \$1.4 billion (worth of goods) were exported to the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) from the UAE. Its importance here is growing rapidly," he said.

To attract more investors.

Mr. Sulayem said improvements were planned-

"We are updating our facilities and constantly comparing ourselves with other free zones. We are investing in high-tech ourselves, building new warehouses and factory units, labour accommodation and roads," he explained.

He declined to say how much would be spent on these developments in 1995,

but said around 300 million dirhams (\$82 million) went towards upgrading the free zone and facilities at Dubai Ports Authority (DPA), of which he is also chairman, in 1994. The two major ports managed by the DPA are Jebel Ali and Port Rashid.

Mr. Sulayem said in the first 11 of the last year the DPA handled over 23 million tonnes of cargo - up six per cent on the same period in 1993. He forecast a further increase to 27 million tonnes

for 1995 as a whole.

Between January and November 1994 the DPA handled 1.7 million standard container units. This figure was expected to top two million in 1995, be said.

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Saatchi founder makes embittered final exit

LONDON (R) — Maurice Saatchi, cofounder and de-posed chairman of British advertising giant Saatehi Saatchi Co. PLC, finally served all links with it Tuesday, saying in his view the company had been taken

over. Mr. Saatchi had heen offered a new, lesser, role after being ousted as chairman in a shareholder revolt led hy David Herro of Chicago-hased fund manager Harris Associates late last

But in a terse, hitterly ironie memo to Saatchi Company Secretary Graham Howell, Mr. Saatchi, who had until Tuesday to make up his mind, said: "Please inform Mr. Herro that I do not accept his offer. It was kind of him to consider me for the position."

Asked if the agency was taking that as an ontright rejection hy Mr. Saatchi, Mr. Howell said: "Yes."
Mr. Saatchi expanded on

the memo in a letter to staff addressed "to everyone at Saatchi" in which he said he had rejected the offer because in his view the company had been taken over.

"No bid for the company has been announced. No offer has been made. No premium has been paid. No shareholder vote has been taken. But make no mistake, Saatchi Saatchi is under new control," he wrote in the letter.

He said the campaign led by Mr. Herro and other shareholders with stakes totalling some 32 per cent of the agency had been "a simple, if crude, method of controlling the company."

"By threatening the directors with an extraordinary general meeting... they have given the directors their orders: Take your chairman into a corner and shoot him - we don't want the fuss of a

public trial'." The shareholder revolt gained force last autumn on anger over a share option scheme for Mr. Saatchi that could have netted him up to £5 million (\$7.8 million) over three years.

After his resignation, the agency offered him the largely honourary role of joint president along with his hrother and eofounder Charles, and the chair-manship of the Saatehi Saatehi advertising worl-dwide operating subsidiary. His rejection of the new

role throws up the spectre of some Saatchi clients taking their husiness clsewhere.

One of them, U.S. confectionery giant Mars, confirmed in December it was reviewing its huge worldwide advertising account with Saatchi, while another, British Airways PLC, is also reported to have lobbied in favour of Maurice Saatchi.

Speculation that Mr. Saatchi will set up his own rival agency will now inevitably increase. Media analysts. say, however, that financing any such venture might prove difficult, while contractual. restrictions might prevent him from doing so at all.

So for Saatchi Saatchi, formed by the brothers in 1970 and the leaders of the British advertising world in the 1980s, it will now seek to change the name of its parent company — one of the other demands of the Harris-led rebels.

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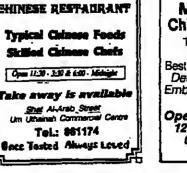








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File photo dated May 5, 1992 shows people evacuating the Furiani Stadium in Bastia a few minutes after the stands collapsed prior to the

soccer match between Bestiz and Olympique Marseille (AFP photo)

Football tragedy trial opens

BASTIA, France (AFP) — Security was tight Wednes-day as the trial of 12 businessmen and officials charged over a football stadium disas-ter which killed 17 people and left up to 2,000 injured came to court on the French island of Corsica.

One of the key defendants, clob president and mayor Jean-Francois Filippi, was murdered last week.

Directors of the firm which put up the temporary stand which collapsed, local officials who issued a safety cer-

tificate and French football federation officials face charges of manslaughter and

wounding.
The stand was subsequently found to have been erected hastily to boost capacity at the Furiani stadium from 8,000 to 18,000 for a Cnp tie between Bastia and France's most famous club, Olympique Marseille, oo May 5,

When it collapsed just be-fore the kick-off 3,500 people were sent crashing to the ground amid a tangle of scaf-

folding. Fifteen people died that afternoon and another two died later of their in-

The three week trial was due to begin amid high security. The court house will undergo searches for bombs while the defendants will appear behind bullet-proof

The prosecution has alleged a web of negligence, falsification and meptitude while football officials are said to have turned a blind eye to the whole thing.

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Appeal date set for Seles attacker

HAMBURG (AFP) — Monica Seles's attacker Gunther Parche goes before the appeal court oo March 31, his lawyer Omar Kury said Wednes-

The prosecution had appealed against his twoyear suspended sentence for stabbing the tennis star in the back in Hamburg in

April, 1993. panason He was condemned for wounding after the October, 1993, trial was told he suffered from diminished respossibility although Seles' lawyers had filed a complaiot for attempted murder.

Seles, who has not play ed since the attack, faces a six million dollar claim by her clothing sponsors FILA for failing to fulfill her obligations.

Modahl. appeals against ban

LONDON (R) — British runner Diane Modahl, banned from athletics for four years following a positive drugs test, has formally appealed against the deci-

Modahl, the 1990 Commonwealth 800 metres champion, tested positive for exessive levels of testosterone at a meeting in Lisbon on June 18. She is the first British

woman to fail a drags test.
On Wednesday Modahl's
solicitor Tony MortonHooper said a letter was sent
to the British Athletic Federation (BAF) late last. month appealing the ban. He said the BAF had con-

firmed receipt of the letter but had not yet set a date for a hearing by its independent appeal panel.

Vatanen drums up a desert storm

QUARZAZATE, Morocco (R) — Finnish veteran Ari Vatanen drummed up a desert storm Tuesday as he took over the lead in the Paris-Dakar Rally with a perfect exhibition of speed and skill

on the third leg.
The Citroen driver showed no signs that two years of absence from the event had harmed the finely-hooed artistry on toughdesert terrain which have already earned him four previous Paris-Dakar titles.

Starting the day in fifth place overall. Vatanen put his car through its paces over 405 kms of timed stages on the stooy route from El Rachidia which also included the first sand dunes of the

rally.
Ousting France's Bruno
Saby from first place, the
Firm took a lead of more than seveo minutes over his Citroen teammate Pierre Lar-

tigue, another Frenchman.
"I'm very glad because this
was the old Vatanen of the old Paris-Dakars who was driving today," the new rally

It was a good day for Cit-roen with Vatanes's fellow-finn Tuno Salonen taking over third place as well as pushing Saby's Mitsubishi down to fourth.

Saby lost valuable time when he got lost for a while

In the motorcycles section, Heinz Kinigadner of Austria, riding a KTM, extended his lead and now enjoys a 10minute cushion over Spanish Cagiva rider Jordi Arcarons.

Elite Chinese swimmers walk out on Ma Junren

BEIJING (R) — Double world record holder Wang Junxia has walked out of Ma Jumren's training camp along with 15 other elite Chinese women athletes because the coach has pocketed most of their prize money, the Beijing Youth Daily said Wednesday.

The Youth Daily said the athletes had left Ma's training centre in the northeastern port city of Dahan last month after talks broke down over how to divide their winnings. According to the Youth Daily, world 1,500 metres record holder and world 3,000

metres champion Qu Yunxia has not left the camp. But Zhang Linii, who finished second to Qu at the 1993 Stnttgart world championships, was named as one of the 16 deserters.

The report appears to sig-nal the end of the controversial Ma's career as the newspaper added that Chinese sports officials said the team would not be disbanded but would continue to train under

> be chosen. "The Ma family army is not a single person's wealth. It belongs to the party, the province and the country. We should all care and love it," the newspaper quoted Gu Jinchi, party secretary of northeastern Liaoning Pro-

a new coach, who had yet to

vince, as saying.
It added that the officials had decided to rename the team "Lisoning women middle and long-distance running team."

The newspaper said the ruoners' parents had

threatened to pull their children oot of the sport

altogether if they were returned to Ma's jurisdiction. "Because Ma Junren is sick and needs to be in hospital so the Ma family army has been brought to Shenyang," team

manager Sun Yusen told the newspaper. When confronted by a reporter from the newspaper, Ma avoided the issue and said he had orders from his superiors to recuperate in hospital. Ma was taken to hospital after he was burt in a car crash in Lisoning late last month when his car struck a

funeral in Anshan to the training centre. The Youth daily said another reason for the desertion of Ma's runners was his "unreasonable" way of man-

highway barrier while he was

returning from his father's

aging his team.
"(Ma) made excessive demands, was overcritical and cruel" towards his runners, it

The Liberation Daily said recently that Ma owned three Mercedes Benzes and had spent seven million, yuan (\$824,000) on his training centre out of total winnings of his athletes of 10 million yuan (\$1.18 million).

It said the cars were prizes given to three of his athletes at the Stuttgart World Cham-

The Liberatioo Daily quoted Wang as saying she had received 170,000 yuan (\$20,000), US\$60,300 and HK\$1,000 (US\$128) from Ma and that Ou had received about 65,000 yuan (\$7,650):

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Great Britain's Mark Foster gasps for breath after compet-ing in the 50-metre freestyle (AFP photo)

German swimmers dominate World Cup

HONG KONG (AFP) -Germany's swimmers, led by 200m freestyle record-holder, Franziska Van Almsick, dominated the field for the second day at the World Cup

meeting Wednesday.

Van Almsick powered to victory in the 100m and 400m freestyle events, after wins io the 200m and 50m freestyle

races on the first day. Compatriot Sandra Volker easily captured gold in the 100m backstroke, but her performance fell short of expectations following her world record-breaking swim in the 50m backstroke event

Tuesday.
The German men also left few medal opportunities for the competition, with Jirka Letzin sweeping to victory in the 50m and 200m events, adding to his 100m backstroke title Wednesday.

But despite the strong showing by the German contingent, winning 22 of 34 events, Ireland, Britain and Belgium all had good individual performances to add spice to a competition over-

shadowed by China's lastminute withdrawal.

Michelle Smith of Ireland stormed to victory in the 200m butterfly and picked up a silver in the 100m individual medley to add to the two golds she won in the 100m butterfly and 200m individual medley on the first day. Briton Mark Foster, who has been nursing a back in-

jury, still managed to pick up two titles, with wins in the 50m freestyle and butterfly. Belgium's Brigitte Becue also struck gold twice, win-

ning both the 100m and 200m breastroke events. China's absence at the meet, officially because of visa problems and a conflictmg training schedule, fol-lowed failed drug tests by

ma last October. . Hong Kong was the first of seven meetings in the World Cup. It moves on to Finland, France, Britain, Germany, Italy and Sweden.

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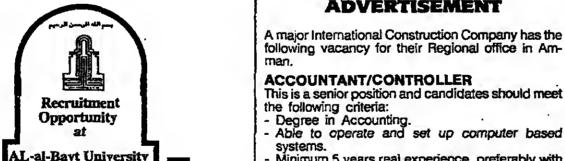
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Chess rebels plan 1996 reunification match

(ANILA (AFP) — The him." Vorld Chess Federation FIDE) is close to coaxing thel champion Garry asparov back into the old, and a reunification atch for the world chamionship is likely in 1996, IDE Chief Florencio ampomanes said vednesday.

The Filipino sportsman on an unprecedented with term of the federaon in Moscow last month ith the support of his mg-time Russian nemesis asparov, and said they ave since signed joint delarations towards unity nd cooperation.

Then-reigning FIDE orld champion Kasparov nd his challenger, Nigel hort of Britain, broke way from the federation nd formed their rebel tofessional Chess Assoation (PCA) following a pute over prize money id venue in early 1993. Kasparov subsequently on the rebel cham-onship while FIDE ganised an alternate orld championship from nong the two losing in mifinalists in the last ndidates' cycle. Former orld champion Anatoly arpov beat Dutch randmaster Lan Timman id was declared FIDE as an Olympic sport. orld champion.

Campomanes said Kastrov and his fellow rebels ave apparently come ound "to the realisation at they cannot live with 1. FIDE," and tha vhen a prodigal son rerns, you must accept

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He said he and Kasparov were proposing that "to end the current confusion among chess fans, sponsors and media, a reunification match will be organised in 1996" after the end of the current eliminations for the next PCA and FIDE world championships.

He said they also proposed that a joint commission be formed "on an equal representation basis" to organise the reunification rules by May

Under the proposed plan, the PCA will remain "in its capacity as a com-mercial entity" which will 'manage commercial events and will guarantee the annual payment of an agreed contribution to FIDE's expenses.

Campomanes said FIDE would also restructure its own setup "to make it commercially more efficient."

The FIDE chief said the two organisations are planning to organise. tournaments on the same line as the ATP tour of professional tennis, and ever-erred hope that chess

International Olympic Committee (IOC) chief Juan Antonio Samaranch attended the last Chess Olympiad in Moscow last month, and Campomanes expressed hope that chess would be included as an "exhibition event" in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

He said it would probably be "too much to say" that chess would become an Olympic event in Sydoey in 2000, hut commented that "the terrain is promising."

Campomanes said he foresaw top chess players eventually earning prize money comparable to those won by top tennis pros on the ATP tour.

He also dismissed snggestions that powerful chess computers would eventually topple the world's top human players. "Do not fear the machine, use it," he said.

He said he had discussed with Kasparov the formation of a body to improve the current system of rating chess players, saying that the current .ELO system "needs improvement due both to the advances in computer technology and to errors . light."

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Jordan Soccer League

Competition heats up with 5 weeks remaining

By Aleen Bannayan Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN - Thirty matches remain before the Kingdom's most prestigious soc-cer title — the First Divi-sion Championship — is decided. However, unlike other seasons, at least three teams are still in contention, and all results will be crucial io decidiog the

threatened last four. During the past two weeks, leaders Al Hussein fell to third placed after losing 2-1 to Kufrsoum and 2-0 to Al Ramtha. Meanwhile, Al Wihdat took the lead after two easy victories: 6-0 over Al Jeel and 1-0 over oewcomers Shabab Al

champioo and relegation-

Al Wihdat who last won the title in 1991 remained the only on-beaten team and improved their scoring record to 24-3.
Al Ramtha are now two points behind Al Wihdat,

and have only lost one match. Meanwhile, Al Faisali, who won the title in 1992 and 1993, have been unable to improve their standing after three draws and a surprise 1-0 loss to Al Arabi in the second round. Whether Al Hussein win their first ever 1st division crown or Al Wihdat secure their only title of the year depends on bow well they fare io the upcoming

Al Wihdat have the toughest matches against Al Ramtha and Al Hussein, while Al Faisali's remainiog matches are easier except for their clash with Al Hussein.

That however does oot necessarily mean that the leaders have already secured their matches against the rest of the teams.

The top three teams matches against current fifth placed Al Abli may well be a determining factor. Other surprise may also pop up any time. Like the battle at the top

of the 12-team competitioo, another fierce challeoge is under way at the other end of the standings. For the second consecutive year, four teams will be releated.

While the last three - Al Jeel, Al Karmel and Shahave already surrendered and seem destined to drop back to the second division the ideotity of the fourth team is oot yet known.

Al Qadissieh and Al Arabi are nearest the relegation zone, and Kufrsoum, the only newcomer not among the last four, will have to maintain their results to keep a halfway standing and stick among the top group.

Though Al Jazireh have

had an inconsistent form in the second round, they are still in sixth place, and Al Ahli have scored three consecutive wins that lifted them up to fifth. The top scorers are

Mouaffaq Abu Hdeib (Al Ramtha), Yousef Obeidat (Kufrsoum), Aref Hussein (Al Hussein), Jiryes Tadros (Al Faisali), Jihad Abdul Mun'em (Al Wihdat).

Top teams eye season's remaining titles The top four teams have

their eyes set on the two remaining soccer crowns of the seasoo - the Jordan Cup and the first division. Titleholders Al Faisali

ooe title — the 1994 Cup Winners' Cup. Al Hussein captured their first ever soccer crown wheo they overcame Al Faisali to win the 1994 Soccer Federation Shield. After falling from first to

third place, they eoter the

tion after being knocked out by Al Faisali in the Jordao Cop semifinals Mooday.

Al Wihdat's last major

otle was the 1992 Cup Winoers' Cup while Al Ramtha's last major title was the 1993 Federation Shield.

Schedule of 18th week:

Thursday 5/1 Jeel vs. Arabi 2:30 p.m. Petra Stadium Karmel vs. Ramtha 2:30 p.m. Al Hassan Stadium Shabab Al Hussein vs. Al Jazireh 2:30 p.m. Amman

Wihdat vs. Kufrsoum 2:30 p.m. Amman Stadium Faisali vs. Qadissieh 2:30 p.m. Petra Stadium Ahli vs. Hussein 2:30 p.m. Al Hassan Stadium Standings after 17th week

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Egypt attempt to cross bridge

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Egypt attempt to bridge a 26-year gap when they visit Algeria this weekend for the most appealing qualifying tie in a 13-match African Nation's Cup programme.
The Pharaohs' only success

over their traditional rivals came three decades ago in Cairo, and the Algerians have since triumphed three times io the final stages. Algeria won a 1980 semi-

fioal on penalties, succeeded 3-1 in a third-place play-off four years later, and also had two goals to spare wheo they met in the first round five years' ago. Three-time champions

Egypt go to Algeria as Group 4 leaders with five points from a goalless draw in Sudan and decisive home victories over Tanzania and Ethiopia. But any illusions that the Dotch-coached team is poised to conquer Africa again were shattered this week in Tunisia, where they conceded two first-half goals

to lose a warm-up game.
Politically-troubled Algeria have slipped considerably since winning the 1990 African title, with the expected revival under recently appointed coach Rabah Madjer not materialising.

Madicr, a former African Foothaller of the Year, has quided his country to respectful draws in Ethiopia and Uganda, but the failure in defeat Sudan at home triggered strong criticism.

Improving Tanzania lie second and could take at least ooe poiot hack from Ethiopia, who made drastic following a heavy loss to Uganda only to suffer greater humiliatioo in Egypt.

seeding, play in Dakar while surprise pacesetters Togo should collect two more points at home to uninspiring Mauritania.

Struggling Zamhia have recalled several professionals, including inspirational captain Kalusha Bwalya from Mexico, for a Group 5 game in Mauritius that will evoke painful memories.

The national team won a Nations' Cup qualifier on the Indian Ocean island a couple of days before 18 of them

AFRICAN SOCCER

Malawi, performing above expectations in Group 1, visit Cameroon, who suffered a sensational defeat in Lesotho last November and lost leading official Roger Milla to Iodonesia this week.

Zaire, without a win in three matches, host Lesotho, whose coach Style Phumo is remarkably confident considering the seven-goal hiding they received in Kinshasa two years's ago.

Senegal and Tonisia, battling to justify their Group 2 perished when their plane plunged into the sea off Gabon in April 1993.

Although Botswana are bottom of the Group 6 standings, they can expect no mer-cy from Mali, who were upset by Namibia on an previous journey to southern African.

Angola host Mozambique in a clash of Portuguesespeaking countries and Namibia make the long journey north to Guinea, a team hungry for points after two secutive away losses.

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Majali defends government stand in Chechen crisis

By Ayman Al Safadi Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali said Wednesday that Jordan had "seriously and in practical terms" stood by the Chechen people in their conflict with

Responding to what he cal-led "provocative statements" by Deputy Toujan Faisal, a Circassian, Dr. Majali said Jordan had conveyed its posi-tion to Deputy Russian Foreign Minister Victor Posovalyuk during his recent visit to the Kingdom and has instructed the Ministry of Health and the Hashemite Charity Organisation to send humanitarian aid to Chechenya.

"'I cannot send the Arah army (to Chechenya). One should recognise the limitations of one's power." said Dr. Majali.

In the fiery way that has come to characterise her performance in the House, Ms. Faisal had accused the government of adopting a posi-tion on Chechenya that conflicts with that of the people as expressed by their repre-

Accusing the government of promising the Russian Federation to prevent Jordan's Chechen and Circassian population from helping the people in Chechenya, Ms. Faisal alleged that the government asked Russia to "oppress the Chechens but not in so violent a way.

Ms. Faisal's accusations did not go down well with the rapporteur of the Fnreign Affairs Committee, Jamal Saraireh, who stressed that the House has issued a clear statement in support of the Chechen people's right to self-determination and that the government's position was similar to that of the

"We cannot deny the role

NEWS IN BRIEF

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Iran is producing large quantities of

chemical and biological weapons that are a serious threat to

Israel, senior officials told a newspaper Wednesday. "Iran

is developing its capacity to produce chemical weapons and

is stockpiling large quantities," according to one official

quoted by the Yediot Aharonot newspaper. Iran is also

trying to improve its Nodong surface-to-surface missiles

from North Korea which have a range of 1,000 kilometres

and can hit Israel, said the officials who were not named.

They said that since 1984 the Iranians have been involved

in "the industrial production of chemical weapons" and are

having the raw materials to make them from foreign

countries. Iran has also launched a project to develop

biological weapons at plants claimed to be producing

Koran reciters win gold coins in Iran

NICOSIA (R) — A Portuguese and a Thai were among

Koran reciters, memorisers and interpreters who won gold coins in a five-day competition that ended in Tehran on

Wednesday, Iranian Television said. It showed the winners receiving their prizes from Iranian officials and shaking hands with Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

who spoke on the importance of promoting the study of the Holy Book. Top prizes were 35 Azadi gold coins worth \$100 each. The leading winners, from among dozens of Iranian and 69 foreign competitors, were from Portugal, Thailand, Bangladesh, Yemen, Syria, Morocco and Iran.

the television said. All the winners shown on television

were men. The report did not say if women also competed.

ANKARA (R) - A Danish woman was fighting for her

life in a Turkish hospital on Wednesday, three days after

she was accidentally shot hy a drunken policeman at a New

Year's party in the western resort of Cestne. Police in the

nearby city of Izmir said by telephone that the woman,

identified as Karen Studnitz Andersen, 19. was badly

wounded when the officer began waving his gun, apparently in jest, and it went off. Officials at the hospital in Izmir

said Ms. Andersen's condition was very grave and appeared to be deteriorating. She arrived in Purkey last week to celebrate the New Year holiday with her Turkish

boyfriend, they said. The officer involved in the shooting

'Germans trained, supplied Qadhafi guards'

BQNN (AFP) — An ex-paratroop officer of the German

army taught the special guards of Libyan leader Moanmar Qadhafi killer-commando skills with the approval of the

German authorities, according to Stern magazine out

Thursday, Hans Dieter Raethjen, a former major, told the

weekly that from 1979 until 1983, in response to a request

from the German secret services (BND) and with backing

from the government, he trained hundreds of Colonel

Oadhafi's special forces. Mr. Raethjen, an expert in close

combat, silent killings and operations behind enemy lines.

had himself previously worked for the BND, according to

ASSIUT (R) - Thousands of heavily armed Egyptian

police on Wednesday swooped down on towns and villages

searching for militants behind a recent wave of anti-

government violence, security sources said. They said the

police, backed by some 10 armoured personnel carriers and

equipped with automatic rifles, moved on a number of

villages and towns in the southern Egyptian province of

Minya. The forces raided houses of suspected militants

mainly in the town of Mallawi and the villages of Abu Ras, Rawda, Mahras and Manshiyat Maghazla

Egypt police search for militants

has been suspended pending an investigation.

Danish woman critical after Turkish shooting

medicine, the newspaper said.

'Iran's weapons threate**n Israei'**

of the government and the leadership" in the Chechen crisis, said Mr. Saraireh before the House referred to his committee the issue of how to deal with the conflict.

The House earlier voted down a proposal by Islamic Action Front Deputy Abdul Munem Abu Zant to form a special committee on the crisis in Chechenya in a show of solidarity with the Muslim people in the Cancasus re-

Deputies opposed to the proposal said the House's position on Cheehenya should be articulated by the Foreign Affairs Committee in whose meetings deputies with proposals on how to deal with the conflict can participate.
Up to 50,000 Jordanians

are estimated to be of Chechen and Circassian origins and they are represented by three departies in the

Dr. Majali said the government had given permission to the Chechen community to collect donations to their brethren in Chechenya and the community has organised rallies to condemn the Russian attack on Chechenya.

During the session, the House listened to ministers' responses to questions raised by deputies. At the request of Deputy Theeb Abdullah, Minister of Finance Sami Gammoh said he would refer to the general prosecutor the case of the glass factory in Ma'an which was shut down after facing maley financial and administrative problems.

The House also approved the draft amended law on the Institute of Public Administration and the draft amended law on the notary public as presented by the government. It also approved the draft amended law on public administration after introducing few atnendments to it and rejecting those made by the Upper House of Par-liament.



CHECHENYA WAR: Chechens try to identify the bodies of two civilians killed by a bomb in the road going to Grozny

Prince Mohammad, Suharto review relations, seek increased trade ties

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, the personal representative of His Majesty King Hussein, Wednesday met with Indonesian President Mohammad Suharto in Jakarta and conveyed to him a written message from the King dealing with bilateral

The message expressed Jordan's keen interest to enhance Jordanian-Indonesian cooperation in cultural, economic and scientific fields. Prince Mohammad reviewed with President Suharto hilateral relations and issues of common interest to Jordan and Indonesia, with the Prince expressing pride inthe close ties between the two Muslim countries. He also praised develop-

ment witnessed in Indonesia, the largest Muslim country, in various fields, and praised the country's role in the Non-Aligned Movement.

Prince Mohammad renewed an invitation extended hy King Hussein to President

Suharto to visit Jordan. President Suharto express ed keenness in bolstering bilateral ties, especially in trade and exchange of commod-

He also called for boosting cooperation among the countries of the South within the framework of the Non-Aligned Movement and adopt a unified stand vis-a-vis changes in the world.

The Indonesian president asked Prince Mohammad to convey his greetings and best

wishes to King Hussein. Part of the meeting was attended by Her Royal Highness Princess Taghreed Mohammad, Mrs. Suharto and Jordan's Ambassador to

Indonesia Lu'ai Ai Khashman and Mrs. Khashman. Prince Mohammad and Princess Taghreed, who arrived in Jakarta Tuesday on

a two-day visit to Indonesia. on Wednesday visited museums there and the city of Thaman Mana, a replica of all of the country's provinces

West weighs options after GIA threat

BONN (Agencies) — The German government on Wednesday said Germany, Britain and the United States should cooperate over an ultimatum from armed Islamic extremists to close their ciabassies in Algeria within four days or face attack. Deputy foreign ministry

sman Martin Erdmann aid: "We are in contact with these countries (Britain and the United States) to find a common response or joint action" in light of the threat to kill all non-Muslim fore-The British governmen

said the threat came from the most radical of the factions at war with Algeria's secular army-backed government, the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), but Germany refused to name the anthors of the

Mr. Erdmann said he had the "impression" that the letters sent to the United States and Britain were identical to the one received by the Ger-

man authorities. The writers said they would kill "all non-believers

in cold blood" from Jan. 7. U.S. experts said the letters could be hoaxes or the work of a mentally unstable person, but the German government has decided to take the threat very seriously. More than 70 expatriates have already been murdered in Algeria since 1993. .

The German embassy in Algiers is currently staffed by 17 people, of whom Ambassador Friedrich Reiche and nine others have diplomatic status. The German school and the Goethe Institute have been closed and Gern firms have re the families of their employees in the country.

According to the foreign ministry, 265 German nationals are still in the strife-torn country, the great majority of them married to Algerian nationals.

A British Foreign office spokesman said on Tuesday the threat, written in German, had been received by the embassy in Berne in the last few days. Similar messages appeared to have been of Arab interior ministers in

sent to other Western countries with interests in Algeria. It ordered all diplomatic staff to leave Algeria as quickly as possible, break all contacts with the country and

clear the embassy by Jan. 7. "Otherwise, after the ultimatum has run out, we can give no guarantees about the lives of foreign nationals," the statement said, "After that, all 'infidels' (unbelievers) will be killed in cold

A U.S. official said in Washington that the U.S. embassy in Berne had re-

The U.S. official said that a preliminary investigation of the incident indicates that it might be a hoax, stating that the "initial impression is that it does not match patterns that we know."

Algerian Interior Minister Abdul Rahman Meziane Cherif described the threats as "manipulation."

"It's just manipulation and show," the minister said on the sidelines of a conference Tunis. "Algeria guarantees the security of all those who live and work there."

The German spokesman said one possibility being considered was replacing separate Western embassies with a single joint diplomatic mission. But he said no decision had been reached...

The GIA claimed responsibility for the hijacking of an Air France passenger plane eleven days ago. It ended when French commandos stormed the airliner in Marseille, killing the four hijackers and rescuing 169 hos-

France is sending a mission to Algiers to seek guarantees for the safety of its nationals after the hijacking.

Following reports France no longer trusted the Algerian authorities after disputes between the two during the hijacking, Foreign Minister Alain Juppe told RTL Radio: 'It is normal and it is our duty to take extra precautions. In the next few days we will send a mission to study how to reinforce security."

Israeli undercover agents killing militants

- Sneh TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Specially-trained Israeli army indercover units are liquidating Palestinian activists in the occupied territories, Health Minister Ephraim Sneh said here Wednesday.

Mr. Sneh, a reserve general, said the units "track down terrorist groups and liquidate them before they can carry out anti-Israeli attacks."

The "terrorist" groups operated among the Iranian-backed Hizbollah in South Lebanon and the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas. and Islamic Jihad in the occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank, Mr. Sneh told army

"We have to destroy them by resorting to tricks, and we have been making a determined effort to do that re-cently," he said. "Fighting terrorism is the main challenge we have to tackle in 1995."

The radio said an undercover unit was responsible for killing two Palestinian militants near Bethlehem on the West Bank Monday.

Palestinian police said that 10 Israeli soldiers in civilian clothes were arrested on a search operation in autonomous Gaza.

The army on Wednesday admitted the soldiers had been taken by Palestinian police to the joint Israel-Palestine Liberation organisation (PLO) liaison committee office in the Strip but said they were in uniform and denied they had been arrested or interrogated.

A spokesman said the unit had been following a car driven by Palestinians they suspected of kidnapping a soldier after a rumour that turned out to be false. The daily Haaretz said the

Israelis belonged to the undercover "Samson" unit who dress in Arab clothes; speak fluent Arabic and can melt into the local popula-

Palestinian sources say the units are based in Jewish settlements.

The incident came a day after Israeli troops killed three Palestinians in the worst such clash since auton-

Palestinian police chief Nasr Yusef said Tuesday that the soldiers in civilian clothes were arrested near Khan Yunis in southern Gaza.

"We got a report yesterday from the joint liaison committee, but we are re-opening the investigation because Israel said it was not right," said a senior Palestinian police officer who refused to. be identified.

Je ne regrette rien' - Mitterrand

PARIS (AFP) — Ailing French President Francois Mitterrand said he has no regrets as he enters the final four months of his political career and possibly the final months of his life. Speaking at a traditional New Year ceremony when French political leaders express their wishes for the year ahead, the ailing head of state played down any nostalgic potential of the event. 'It is with no particular regret that I will see the end arrive," he said, replying to speeches by Senate Speaker Rene Monory and National Assembly Speaker Philippe Seguin. On New Year's Eve, in his traditional broadcast message to the French people, Mr. Mitterrand made a moving reference to the end of 14 years in the Elysee Palace. "I believe in the power of the spirits I will not leave you," he said. He made no specific reference to whether his health will allow him to remain untilthe end of his mandate, which expires in May after two-round presidential elec-tions. Mr. Mitterrand, 78, is suffering from prostate cancer, for which he has undergone two operations as well as chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

Japan's newest princess named

TOKYO (AFP) - Japan's Prince Akishino and his wife Princess Kiko, have named their new daughter Kako, meaning "beautiful child," the imperial household agency announced Wednesday. The couple's second daughter was born Dec. 29. The name, announced following the traditional naming ceremony at the Imperial Palace clinic. was chosen by the couple, imperial household officials said. Princess Kiko gave birth to their first baby girl, Mako, in October 1991. Prince Akishino is the younger of Emperor Akihito's two sons. He married Princess Kiko in

1995: A year of homage to Oscar Wilde

LONDON (AFP) - Admir-

veiled a plaque in his honour,

ers of Oscar Wilde have un-

launching a year of celebrawriter, wit and bon viveur who scandalised Victorian England elevated to the. pantheon of English litera-: ture. The plaque was un-Royal, where the premier of Wilde's play An Ideal Husband was staged 100 years ago. 1995 also marks the centenary of the playwright's arrest for "sodomy" and indecency. Although the British government last year re-fused to accord him a posthumous pardon, Tuesday's occessiony was only the first in a series of celebratory events in his honour over the coming 12 months. Even the Church of England will be part of the proceedings, with Wilde's getting his personal plaque on Feb. 14 in Westminister Ahnev's Poets' Corner. where the established greats of English literature are commemorated. Born in Britishruled Ireland in 1856, Wilde rocked Victorian society with his homesexual relationship with Lord Alfred "Bosie" Douglas, the son of the Mar-quis of Queenberry. De-nounced by the marquis, Wilde was sentenced to two years of hard labour in May 1895 for what was then an illegal activity. The marquis's descendents, however, have not shared his outrage. On Tuesday the current marquis and Wild's grandson, Mertin Holland, both attended the unveiling ceremony presided by veteran actor John Gielgud. "My father and David (the marquess of) Queensberry's father were great friends and he dedicated a book to my father," said Holland. "This year will see a lot of celebrations but it's nice that the first celebrates his literary achievements." The author of The Picture Of Dorian Gray and The Importance Of Being Earnest never fully recovered from the harsh conditions of Victorian prison life. Once freed, Wilde emigrated to France under a pseudonym, dying there three years later at the i age of 44.

Pakistani ambassador ends term in Jordan with fond memories

By Cathy King Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN - After a fiveyear tenure in Amman. Pakistani Ambassador Tareq Alfridi and wife Cristina depart for Portugal where the amhassador will take up

office soon. Mr. Alfridi arrived here on Jan. 17, 1990 to take up his second ambassadorship following four years in Brazil. In Jordan, he said, be was given the opportunity to witness a chapter in the history

of the region. "I have been very fortunate," Mr. Alfridi said in an interview with the Jordan Times. "It is not often that one is given the opportunity to witness such events as the unfolding of the peace process, starting with the Madrid Conference, then the Oslo accords, the Washington Declaration and finally the signing of the Jordan-Israel peace treaty.

He said that his term of office here had been an eventful period which also saw the Iraqi invasion of Knwait when around 20,000 Pakistani nationals were evacuated from Iraq and Kuwait through Jordan.

The embassy provided housing for 3,000-4,000 people at a time before providing transportation home.

The Gulf crisis resulted in the isolation of Jordan but the Jordanian government and people reacted impressively and with dignity," Mr. Alfridi added.

Another event Mr. Alfridi

fondness was the people's reaction to the safe return of His Majesty King Hussein in September 1992 from the U.S. following successful

surgery there.
"I will always remember the reception His Majesty received when he returned from the United States and the crowd's genuine outpouring of love and devotion," the diplomat said.

Relations between Pakistan and Jordan are close, he said, because of the physical help reciprocated when needed which created a

bond. During his stay in Jordan. he added, there had been visits here by two Pakistani prime ministers, the chairman of the Upper House, the speaker of the Lower House and the head of the Pakistani military among others.

Trade, he said, was cur-

rently in favour of Jordan. Pakistan is a major importer of Jordanian phosphates. Earlier this year the two countries signed an agreement involving Jordanian Phosphate Mines Company

Pakistan. "This is a \$370 million project, and a holding company has been formed. Hopefully this will lead to more economic collaboration in the future," he said.

and the Fauji Foundation in

On a cultural level, Pakistan participated in the Jerash Festival in 1990, held a fashion show here, sent two polo teams, the Davis Cup

twice. Mr. Alfridi himself is a keen polo player and for much of his duration in Amman he has played twice or three times a week and often with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan,

another keen player, he said. In addition to folklore groups that have played here, he said that the first art exhibition of Pakistani young artists was held at the Royal Cultural Centre in Decem-

On the educational front, a Pakistani university profes-sor, paid and funded by the Pakistani government, lec-tures in history, Pakistan studies and Urdu at Ai al Bait University.

"We also award 32 places annually to Jordanian students to study in various institutions in Pakistan," he

According to Mr. Alfridi. there is a Jordan-Pakistan Graduates Club for the 2,000-3,000 graduates from Pakistani educational institutions which he added created another bond between the two countries

Mr. Alfridi, who has been with the diplomatic corps since 1973, said he and his wife, now four-months pregnant, were happy here with many friends. "Éveryone here has been

warm, friendly and hospit-able, and I think I can say we have many friends and will certainly miss them and Jordan very much," he said.

Washington dismisses Alexandria statement. defends Israeli stand the outcome of these talks.

WASHINGTON (Agencies)
— The United States has said it disagreed with a statement adopted by Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia last week blaming Israel for the lack of progress in peace talks with

"We reject the propositison that one side or any side is responsible for any obsta-cle for peace," said State Department spokesman Michael McCurry when asked about the statement adopted at the Alexandria

Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia accused the Jewish state of blocking the talks and demanded that the United States and Russia — the cosponsors of the Middle East peace talks — push Israel to be more pliable. Mr. McCurry's statement

on Tuesday was the first official U.S. reaction to the declaration. The spokesman stressed

that there were still "serious gaps" between Syria and Israel on a peace agreement but added that the two countries must act to reduce them. "The momentum towards a comprehensive peace will

continue in 1995," he added.

The sticking point has been the timetable for the Israeli withdrawal from the Goian Heights.

Syrian and Israeli military officials met quietly in Washington in late December and Mr. McCurry declined to answer questions on

Mr. McCurry denied that Cairo and Riyadh had turned away from Mideast peace Israel's Ma'ariv newspaper reported that Israeli officials

are concerned the summit boosted Syrian efforts to delay the development of normal ties between the Jewish state and other Arah coun-In answer to a question from one reporter, who said Egyptian President Hosni

Mubarak and Saudi King Fahd seemed to have turned against the peace process, Mr. McCurry said: ... That is not a fair representation of what's happened, nor is it a representa-tion of the type of assistance in the course of the peace

process in 1994 we enjoyed from the government of Egypt. That is just not an accurate presentation of where they've been on it." He added, "sometimes we choose not to conduct diplomacy publicly," and stres-sed that after the United States assesses the summit

the three governments that participated and better understand their views." "We will restfirm our own view that we need to make process towards a comprebensive and lasting peace for

results "we will have discus-

sions separately with each of

the region," he said. See related report on page 2

